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WEATHER

Today:
 Cloudy with a slight chance of rain. High, 37. Low, 26.
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Christmas on TV: A special page of daytime TV listings tells you what's on the tube today. Page C6

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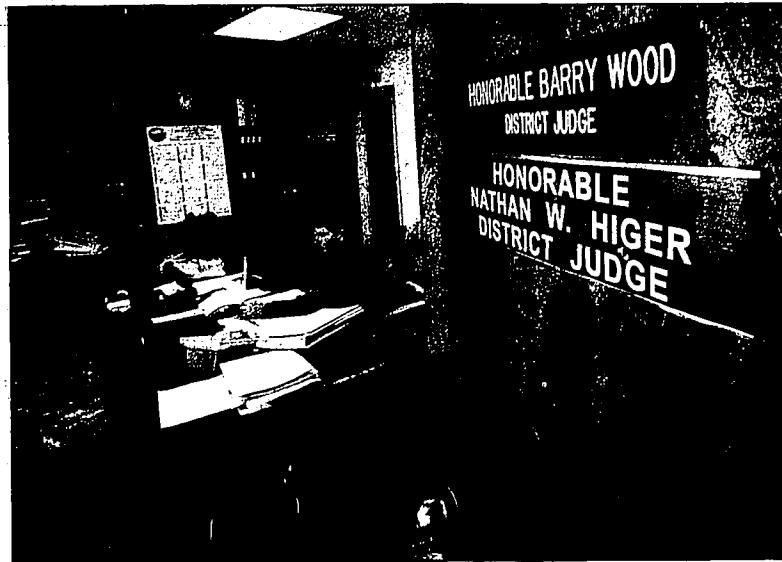
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Judge Barry Wood works in his office in the Jerome County Courthouse. Wood says he is looking forward to going back to trial work after a year spent on the Snake River Basin Adjudication court.

It's been a long, hard year for Judge Wood

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

Snake River Basin Adjudication rulings are still at issue

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TWIN FALLS — His high school counselor predicted he wouldn't last six months in college.

He was wrong. Roderick Barry Wood made it through college, graduated from law school and became a District Court judge in southern Idaho's 5th Judicial District.

At the helm of the state's water court for two years, Wood now is back in his old haunts in the courtrooms of Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln counties after being removed from the Snake River Basin Adjudication court on Dec. 15.

It's been a year of ups and downs for Wood in public life, Please see WOOD, Page A2

ing out some 150,000 water right claims in 38 of the state's 44 counties.

With Wood off the case, the apparent conflict of interest is gone, but his court ruling stands.

The Nez Perce said Wood's and two of his family members' water-rights claims conflict with the tribe's claims, posing an apparent conflict of interest.

The Nez Perce asked Wood to disqualify himself and to set aside his decision because of what the Nez Perce call a conflict of interest.

But with this year's election of Wood's brother-in-law, Dan Eismann, to the state Supreme Court, the court removed Wood from the high-profile case of sort.

With Wood off the case, the motion to disqualify him is moot. But the motion to set aside his ruling still is valid, the Nez Perce say.

"The issues are still there," said Heidi Gudgel, attorney for the Nez Perce.

The issues arose while Wood was on the bench, and don't go away just because he no longer is presiding over the case.

The issue will be heard by the Supreme Court, with two pro-t�udges: Chief Justice Linda Cappie Trout said last week.

Eismann said he would disqualify himself from any appeal of Wood's rulings. And Trout said she would recuse herself because of her own public statements about trusting private accounts to give them a secure retirement.

Wood denied the motions. The tribe has appealed both issues to the Supreme Court.

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Violence overshadows Christmas Eve memorials in Bethlehem

The Associated Press

Faiths share holiday in U.S. — B2

taken at least 345 lives, nearly all Palestinian — cast a dark pall over holiday observances in this West Bank town.

"It hasn't been this bad since the intifada," said Said Marcos, 80, a grizzled Palestinian man in a red-cheeked keffiyeh headress, referring to the 1987-93 Palestinian uprising. "The first one, you mean," his 70-year-old wife Melis gently reminded him. "Now we are in another

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An armed Palestinian police officer guards the entrance to the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Jesus, as two Palestinian Christian youngsters exit, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Sunday.

AP Photo

Poor look for help with heating bills

The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Ric Winters took his children out to cut down a tree. But instead of decorating it for Christmas, they used it for firewood.

Nearly out of heating oil last week, the single father of six grew nervous waiting for the federal assistance he had applied for.

"I didn't have money to buy fuel, so I went out in my yard and cut some trees down," he said.

"For the last three weeks, I used the wood stove."

Predicted winter costs this year for pointy-ridged covered roofs nearly 30 percent

Winter takes a bite out of Magic Valley budgets — B1

ter than last, and natural gas prices 40 percent higher, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates.

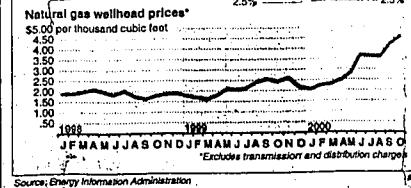
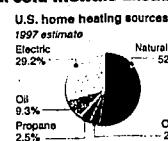
Less than a week into winter, agencies that help the poor pay for heat are swamped with applications.

Customers, the supply for the last few flat or declined rates have produced

to drill. Cogent, while demand turned HEATING, Page A2

Heating prices soar, with cold months ahead

A spike in the price of natural gas, the nation's main source for home heating, is leaving many consumers in a bind. The household price for natural gas, which does not factor in certain charges included in the final retail price, has nearly doubled in the past year. Energy officials predict retail prices will continue to go up.



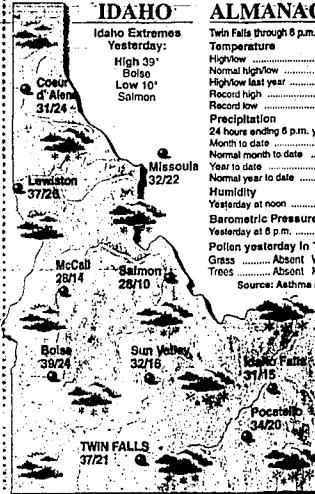
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Highlow last year 49°/16°
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Precipitation
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Month to date trace
Normal month to date 0.85"
Year to date 7.47°
Normal year to date 10.22°

Humidity
Yesterday at noon 72%

Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.11 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
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natural gas. Wholesale prices that were as low as \$2 per thousand cubic foot a year ago are now between \$9 and \$20.

Drilling is expanding, but it won't help those who are struggling now, especially in places where cold weather arrived faster than usual.

In St. Paul, Minn., single mother of three Collette Moriarity asked for energy assistance for the first time in November, when her furnace broke down. A local agency helped replace the furnace, but she still faces hefty fuel bills.

"This last bill was almost \$300. I couldn't believe it! Thank God it's not due until January, or we wouldn't have Christmas," she said. "You shouldn't be nervous to open your mail, but I was nervous."

The Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation had to hire temporary workers to answer phones after the state had its coldest November in 120 years. The stories they hear are heart-wrenching.

"They're giving up medications

and cutting into their food budgets," said development director Larry Kinnaird. "It's difficult for the average person to understand."

Even heating with wood is expensive this winter. A salesman at one New Hampshire wood stove shop said some customers are paying \$200 for a cord of wood, compared with about \$130 last winter.

"Some people seem to think wood would be a lot cheaper," said Natalie Davidson, whose husband owns a logging and firewood company west of Denver. "I think they're trying to find the best deal they can."

Others are dealing the best they can with what they have.

In Toledo, Ohio, Anita Hollingsworth said she and her boyfriend are trying several ways of coping after her natural gas bill quadrupled to \$125 last month.

"About the only thing we can do is keep the temperature down, keep the plastic on the windows and keep more blankets on the bed," she said.

dressed in tiny Santa outfits, the youngsters were swarmed by a mass of news photographers.

Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, who always attends the Christmas Eve midnight Mass, was keeping to the tradition this year, although with some difficulty. He flew into Bethlehem from Amman, Jordan, by Jordanian military helicopter, making his first visit to the West Bank since the first days of violence in late September.

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NATION

Republican senators call for 'balance'

Democrats vow 'tough' questions for nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among senators who may confirm or reject President-elect Bush's Cabinet picks, Republicans cited a need for more ideological "balance" Sunday while Democrats promised to raise "tough" and "troubling" questions for his attorney general nominee.

Senators in both parties, making the rounds of the talk show

circuit, generally agreed that Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., an aggressive champion of religious conservative causes, is likely to be confirmed as top enforcer of the nation's laws.

Yet Republicans such as Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., told CBS' "Face the Nation" that picking Ashcroft, who strongly opposes abortion rights, "creates a more pressing need for balance with moderates in the Cabinet, some pro-choice people" to provide some diversity to offset some of Senator Ashcroft's more conservative views.

Democratic senators, meanwhile, vowed to challenge

Ashcroft's views, primarily on civil rights issues.

Ashcroft lost his bid for re-election last month to the late Gov. Mel Carnahan, Carnahan's wife will replace Ashcroft in the Senate next month.

"I do not intend to lead a fight against him. I intend to make sure that he is given a far more fair hearing than some have been given in the past," Vermont Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, the most senior Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, told ABC's "This Week."

Leahy said some of the "obvious areas of discussion" for the Judiciary Committee include

Ashcroft's and Bush's views on "enforcing the nation's laws."

Ashcroft is a member of the Judiciary Committee chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Ashcroft and Hatch are both past GOP presidential hopefuls who opposed White and joined other Republicans in blocking the appointment of Bill Lann Lee to the civil rights division at the Justice Department.

Ashcroft came under fire earlier this year after accepting an honorary degree from South Carolina's Bob Jones University that until recently enforced a policy against interracial dating.

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"I'm going to look at (it) to make sure it's the right policy," he said last week. "If I think it is."

He described tax relief, free trade, Social Security reform and cuts in regulations as the cornerstone of his plan to keep the economy robust.

Policy analyst David C. John of the Heritage Foundation, a group that has provided some of the intellectual horsepower for conservative measures embraced by Bush and many congressional Republicans, says the new president has no choice but to be measured.

"He's got to build more political capital than most presidents do," he said. Yet "there are ways of having small victories. Rather than going for everything at once, you take small deliberate steps toward your final goal."

For example, he notes Bush has an opportunity to appoint a Social Security Administration commissioner amenable to his plan — one who might see to it that the statements workers get outlining their future benefits also show what they might earn if some of their payroll taxes went into personal accounts.

By that thinking, Bush could soften the ground before taking a leap of such magnitude.

On education, Bush is proposing a more expansive role for

Washington than Republicans have favored in the past. He favors more federal money for education and tougher standards for states, schools and students.

Those ideas generally sit well with Democrats but there is disagreement in the details, especially with his proposal to create vouchers that students in persistently failing schools could use for private tuition.

John said Bush "can get pretty much whatever he wants as long as he's willing to put the effort in." He then added more qualifiers: "If he remembers where he wants to go, and uses his time effectively, doesn't get sidetracked."

In Washington, memories are fresh of President Clinton's messy detour on gays in the military at the start of his administration. That sidetracking has stood even since as a warning against the pursuit of a divisive secondary policy, however deeply

so far, Bush has steered clear of such matters.

In an exposition last week on the risk of an energy shortage, Bush touched on almost every solution being considered — leaning on OPEC, spurting U.S. natural gas production, developing clean coal reserves.

But there was a conspicuous exception: He did not mention his support for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil exploration, a position hotly opposed by most Democrats.

Nor has Bush, in preparing to put federal employees to work for his ends, made much of another campaign plank — to eliminate 30,000 of them over 10 years through attrition.

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Engineers design train to 'fly' passengers

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WICHITA, Kan. — Two Wichita engineers have designed a high-speed ground transportation system that would 'fly' passengers to their destinations, rather than transport them on a train with tracks.

A scale model of the vehicle, called Airtrain, is undergoing a second week of wind tunnel testing this week at the National Institute of Aviation Research at

Wichita State University.

The system is the design of Elvest Lehl, a retired Boeing engineer, and Glen Zumwalt, a retired aeronautical engineering professor at the university.

"This is definitely a system of the future," said Brad Lehl, Lehl's son who is helping with the project.

The Airtrain, which is designed to run on electricity, uses a fixed rail system and an aerodynamic vehicle to carry 72

passengers at speeds of up to 200 mph.

At low speeds, the vehicle runs along an overhead rail strung along towers placed at 100-foot intervals.

At higher speeds, the craft lifts off the railing and flies 25 to 35 feet above the ground. Sensors feed into an onboard computer to keep the aircraft centered over the rail, guiding it in its travels without touching it.

Lehl, who originated the con-

cept, and Zumwalt say the Airtrain system would help solve problems of congested airports, delays and bad weather.

It would be ideal for travel between larger cities such as Dallas to Houston, St. Louis to Chicago or Las Vegas to Los Angeles, Brad Lehl said. And it could be used to carry freight.

Elvest Lehl has been working on the design for many years.

Lehl and Zumwalt received a patent on the design in 1996.

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Actress may ruffle feathers with new movie role

LOS ANGELES — Gillian Anderson has gone from freakish aliens to frills and ruffles.

But the "X-Files" actress isn't sure whether her new role in the movie "The House of Mirth" will appeal to fans of the popular sci-fi series.

"I have a really good relationship with my fans," Anderson said in Saturday's Los Angeles Times. "But at the bottom line, I choose jobs to feed my soul."

"The House of Mirth," based on

People in the news

the Edith Wharton novel, stars Anderson as a poor woman who tries to fit in with upper-class New Yorkers in the early 20th century.

Despite its obvious differences, Anderson said her new movie shares some themes with the conspiracy-filled "X-Files."

"Everyone was basically living a breathing lie," Anderson said of

the mannered characters in "The House of Mirth." "At that time, there were things that you just did not speak about, no matter what you were feeling."

Singer becomes the Santa of Soul for needy children

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Donning a red leather suit and cowboy boots, singer James Brown became the Santa of Soul for hundreds of needy children.

— compiled from wire reports

Brown rented out Augusta's Imperial Theater Friday to perform a medley of his hits and pass out toys to children.

"God makes me do this," said Brown, who has given away Christmas toys for years, but never before performed for the children.

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EDITORIAL

The Christmas story, as told by St. Luke

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed. This first census took place while Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem - because he was of the house and family of David - to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall

be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one and other, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, when they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

- Luke 2:1-20

On this most joyful of holy days, the editorial board takes a day off and turns the column over to a guest writer, St. Luke. Merry Christmas to all.

Stephen Hartgen
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Dan Fields



Debt relief captures millennium spirit

JAMES D.
WOLFENSOHN

In Africa stand a better chance of reaching

his spirit of the new millennium has perhaps been best captured this year by an extraordinary movement - inspired by the biblical concept of Jubilee, to cancel external debt in the world's poorest, most heavily indebted countries. Religious leaders, rock stars and concerned men and women from every part of the world have galvanized public action and inspired official policy.

This spirit has been central to the mission of the World Bank, and nowhere more indelibly than in the area of poor-country debt relief. Four years ago we launched, with the IMF and the international community, the first global response to the debt crisis in the world's poorest countries, and in October 1999 we made the relief "deeper, broader, and faster." The objective of the plan, called the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC), has remained straightforward throughout: to eliminate debt as an obstacle to poverty reduction.

How is it going? First, we have now delivered on our end-year goal of having debt relief in place for 20 countries, and we are working toward 22. Second, the program is cancelling an enormous amount of debt: Relief stands at some \$34 billion; in coordination with other forms of debt alleviation, total debt in these countries could be slashed by more than two-thirds.

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As a result, millions more children will have a chance to learn to read and write; health clinics and rural roads and sanitation facilities will be built; AIDS programs will reach out to the afflicted. And already, people working with their governments, are charting their own development course.

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and lenders need to be vigilant about the long-term sustainability of the results.

In many instances this will mean shifting to grants, and strictly limiting new lending to only the most generous terms.

The World Bank, for instance, which provides resources to the poorest countries interest-free, is now exploring new instruments, including grants, for such pressing needs as HIV/AIDS, the environment, basic education and health.

Next, it is time to get serious on trade. Barriers that impede exports from developing countries to industrialized markets continue to severely disadvantage poor countries.

Last year, for example, industrialized countries spent more than \$300 billion on agricultural subsidies.

This is roughly equal to the total GNP for all sub-Saharan Africa. Debt relief without increased market access is futile.

Finally, the AIDS epidemic, particularly in Africa, makes action in all areas of these efforts more crucial by the day. In some of the hardest-hit African countries, the epidemic is projected to reduce life expectancy over the coming decade to below 30 years - striking relentlessly at productive workers and parents.

Ambitions for health care, education, agriculture, energy and other developmental areas are endangered by the simple prospect that there will not be enough teachers, students, farmers and workers alive to realize them.

Still, in countries that have undertaken education, testing and treatment programs, infection rates are falling.

Encouraging partnerships are underway to build on these efforts, but they will require a sustained effort.

For those who have kept the spirit of Jubilee and fought for debt relief, we know what can be accomplished by working together. We must keep the spirit alive.

James D. Wolfensohn is president of the World Bank.

LETTER

Good Samaritans aren't extinct

I had only been back to my trailer for a short while when a young man pulled up with a pickup and trailer and asked if he could help me.

Of course I said it would be greatly appreciated. I hadn't noticed when I was at the sale yard, but he was there and listened to our conversation and he told Mike he could take his outfit and help me, so Mike and some help followed him to my trailer.

He backed up to my trailer. We used my pickup for a panel and we moved the cows from my trailer to his.

He took them on to the sale, and I thanked him and he would not accept any money.

I said goodbye, and first thing I knew he was back and wanted to help me get my stock trailer fixed to the point we

could pull it.

He stayed and helped me for about two hours and then insisted that he follow me home to make sure I made it home OK.

We made it home and he started to tell me goodbye, and I told him no, I want you to come in and meet my wife because it isn't often she gets to meet a young man of his character.

He came in and visited for a while, and my wife, Verda, was happy that she could meet such a good Samaritan.

This young man, I would guess 22 years of age, makes me so proud to live in this great Magic Valley. His name was Ben Crockett, Dave Crockett's son. GENE D. LARSEN Twin Falls

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OPINION

Losing's not an option for this lady

ROB ELDER

Everywhere I look these days there's Condoleezza Rice, who once described herself to me as one of the "tiny tots" of international security.

My, how she's grown.

Here's Rice in a three-column color photo with the president-elect on Page One of the Los Angeles Times, with a profile featuring her as having "spent her whole life - 46 years so far - as the youngest and smartest person in almost any room."

And here she is on the front page of the New York Times, again in a color picture, again with George W. Bush, over the headline "Compulsion to Achieve," which refers not to Bush but to the woman he has appointed as his national security adviser.

In the late '70s and early '80s, when the Soviet Union was still a superpower locked in a Cold War with the United States, Rice was teaching at Stanford and just beginning to establish her reputation as an expert on military affairs in Europe. I was writing editorials about arms control. She became one of my sources.

Two days after the woman with whom Rice shared a house in College Terrace, The three of us spent some good times together, and we stayed close until the characteristic of Rice that over the years have helped bring her twice to the White House - the time as a president's chief mentor and adviser on national security.

In other words, if anywhere in the world there is a pre-dawn crisis that threatens this country, she probably will be the civilian who hears about it first, explains it to a sleepy president, and suggests what he ought to do about it.

"I'm not saying that 20 years ago I predicted that this young black woman from Birmingham - a city so segregated when she was a girl that it still had 'colored' and 'white' drinking fountains and restrooms - would

someday become the first female national security adviser. Nor did I foresee that she would be provost of Stanford. Or serve on the boards of the Hewlett Foundation, Charles Schwab Corp. and Chevron, the last of which has named a supertanker for her, thus creating a fantastic trivia question: What ocean-going ship has a name with two e's and two r's, and also includes something you eat?

But it was obvious, even back then, that Condoleezza Rice was a super-achiever. She already had been a piano prodigy at age 3 (her name is the Italian musical term for "play it sweetly") and a competitive figure skater and a college freshman at age 15.

And even in an era when many young Stanford teachers were routinely scruffy, Rice invariably was impeccably dressed, always in good, slightly conservative taste; then and now I would describe her shoes as "look but don't touch" heels.

She wasn't stuffy. She laughed a lot. She never bragged. But it was clear that Rice had been raised by her parents (a music teacher and college administrator) to be a lady beyond reproach. In those days, upper-middle class mothers in the South, black and white, told their children "remember where you are and where you came from." Rice never forgot. Not for a second.

To her, if anything was worth doing, it was worth doing with intensity.

She was an absolutely fierce tennis player, and so much a pro football fan that when Cincinnati Bengals and Denver Broncos games were not televised locally, Rice would call someone in a city where they were, and sit for the entire game, listening to the play-by-play on the phone and polishing her nails. Later, 49er executive

Carmen Policy would suggest her as a possible commissioner of the National Football League.

As Stanford provost, the first woman and first African-American in the university's top administrative and financial staff job, she inherited a \$43 million deficit.

Her response was to cut services and fire staff with what the New York Times would gingerly describe as "only limited faculty consultations." More telling was the quote from Rice herself: "I don't do committees." Not surprisingly, some Stanford people remember her less fondly, as a "my way or no way" dictator.

Early on, Rice showed an iron-willed ability to get her way. When she moved from College Terrace into an apartment on campus, my son and I agreed to move her furniture. I assumed this was only the relatively lightweight stuff I had seen.

Wrong. Out of a storage warehouse came some of the biggest, heaviest antiques I have ever seen.

We'd had no warning of this, nor that the new apartment was on the second floor of a building with no elevator.

My son was then a shot putter for Palo Alto High. I am not small or frail. But when we saw that furniture and those stairs, we were ready to back out. That, however, was not an option.

Today I cannot remember exactly how Condi put it. She didn't raise her voice and she certainly didn't cry, but with a few calm, carefully chosen words she made it absolutely clear that nothing less than our manhood was on the line. We moved the furniture.

From all indications, the military posture of the new Bush administration will differ somewhat from the editorial prescriptions of my newspaper. However, I personally will sleep better, knowing that Rice is on guard. And if someone gets carried away and predicts that she will become the first female president and the first black

president, I certainly will not bet against her.

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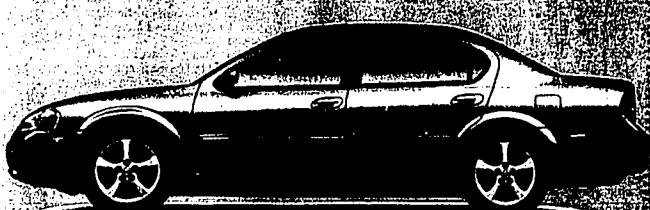


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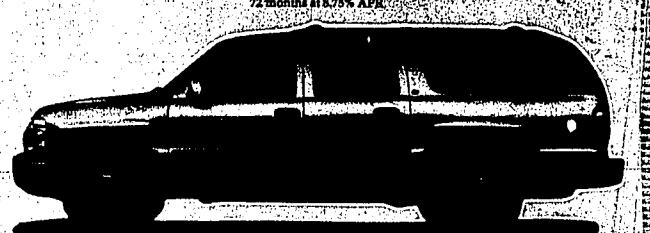


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man requires rescue after accident

TWIN FALLS - A 38-year-old Wendell man was in intensive care Sunday, after a snowmobile accident broke one or both of his legs.

Bruce Roseborough had been riding his snowmobile in the South Hills Saturday when he hit a tree about a half-mile north of the Bonneville guard station on Dry Creek Canyon Road, said Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Bell.

Roseborough had been snowmobiling with several other people who reported the accident around 3 p.m., Bell said. Roseborough later told deputies he had been traveling 45 mph, Bell said.

Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies were first on the scene and found Roseborough at 10:40 p.m., said Twin Falls County sheriff's spokeswoman Nancy Howell. Roseborough had broken his left femur, or thigh bone, and possibly his right, Howell said.

Paramedics weren't able to get Roseborough out of the hills until after 2 a.m., at which time he was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Howell said.

Roseborough was listed in critical condition Sunday afternoon.

How to reach the Times-News today

TWIN FALLS - Have a news tip today?

Need to reach a reporter?

If you need to speak to a Times-News reporter today, dial 733-3234, and ask for staff writer Aaron Brock.

Herrett Center gears up for Christmas eclipse

TWIN FALLS - The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences has been looking forward to it, too.

Yes, because it's Christmas, too, but also because the last solar eclipse of the year - and the actual millennium - will be visible this morning.

The moon will begin to block a small portion of the sun at 8:17 a.m., local time. The eclipse will peak at 10:49 a.m.

Faulkner Planetarium staff members will have special solar telescopes set up at the Herrett Center for safe, close-up viewing of the eclipse.

Astrophysicist Chris Anderson says today's eclipse will be visible over the entire United States, but nowhere on earth will the eclipse be total.

The next substantial solar eclipse visible from Idaho will be in June 2002. After that, Idahoans will have to wait until 2012 for another partial solar eclipse.

CSI to hold annual piano sale in early January

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's annual piano sale benefiting the school's music program is set for Jan. 6.

CSI receives well-maintained new and used instruments for teaching, practice and performance through an instrument loan program operated by Kawai America and Yamaha America corporations and their local dealers, a CSI news release said. The college has grand pianos, baby grand pianos, studios, consoles, professional uprights, spinets, Clavinovas, and digital ensembles and digital pianos. They are sold each year so that the college can obtain new pianos through the loan program.

The program has provided the college with a great variety of keyboards that would have been expensive to buy and maintain any other way, CSI Fine Arts Department Chairman Mike Green said.

Interested buyers can call the college beginning Jan. 3, to make an appointment for the Jan. 6, sale in the Fine Arts Center. Call 733-9954, Ext. 2563.

The sale is managed by local piano dealers Keith Jorgenson Music Co. and Welch Music Inc.

Quick Response Unit sets up fire victims fund

FILER - The Quick Response Unit has set up an account at US Bank to help Jim and Rhonda Massie and their three young sons who recently lost their home in a fire.

Donations may be made to the Jim and Rhonda Massie Relief account at any US Bank. Donations of clothing and household items may be dropped off at The Print Shoppe, 305 Main St. in Filer. The boys are ages 10, 8 and 4.

Compiled from staff reports

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Nearly a year after finding Kacy Kay Ray's body in the desert several miles south of Burley, Cassia County investigators are saying the same thing they have for months.

"They still expect to make arrests."

But this time, they say, things are different.

Now, sheriff's investigators are closer to getting DNA results.

It might be the first time the sheriff's office has used DNA evidence in a murder investigation,

and this has been a unique case, in which fingerprints, blood samples and testimony haven't been enough to pinpoint a suspect, Crystal said.

"I think we are closer now than we were six months ago," Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said. "We know who was primarily responsible for the death. But we have not been able to collect sufficient evidence to file a criminal charge against them."

For the first time, Crystal

acknowledged that investigators strongly suspect two people were involved in the Dec. 26, 1999 slaying of Ray, a local school teacher.

Crystal said investigators are "fairly certain" of the identity of one person who was present when Ray was killed. But they can't identify the killer with certainty, he said.

Detectives have followed up leads, and long-awaited results from DNA testing should come back soon, said Crystal, who expects an arrest to be made

within the next two or three months.

The wait has been frustrating for Crystal, the community and Ray's family, as they await the DNA testing from forensic labs in Boise and out of state.

Ray's parents, Leo and Judy Ray of Buhl, were vacationing last week and could not be reached for comment. In the past, however, Leo Ray has praised investigators and the way officials have kept the family reassured of their progress.

Like Crystal, Lt. Alan Smith, head of the sheriff's department's investigations division, is conscious of the time it's taken for necessary DNA evidence to come back from the lab.

"We would have liked to have an arrest already. However the case is very active and we feel like we're very close," Smith said.

The case has been complex and "somewhat overwhelming," Crystal said, and it occasionally went to the back burner in the forensic laboratory, while other cases headed to trial needed evidence immediately.

Conference to cost some big bucks

EJKO County will spend \$50,000 for settlement meeting

Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - As the fight over ownership of South Canyon Road near Jarbidge goes on, Elko County's cost in the dispute continues to rise - this time by \$50,000.

Earlier this week commissioners authorized the new expenditure to cover the cost of the participants in a court-ordered settlement conference scheduled for mid-January in Reno.

Commissioner Mike Nannini cast the lone dissenting vote, re-affirming his long-held belief that taxpayer money should not be used to fight a court battle with the federal government when a proposed settlement agreement could have been signed several months ago. The proposed agreement was a result of over three months of mediation between all sides to the dispute over the road leading into the wilderness area near Jarbidge.

Assistant District Attorney Kristin McQuerry said the \$50,000 would be needed to cover the expenses of at least two expert witnesses, two commissioners, legal staff and the cost of a court reporter. She said the purpose of the conference will center on whether the road is considered a county road under a statute that says all roads with a historical past belong to the county.

Bill Price and Dr. Wayne Burkhardt, both considered experts on South Canyon Road, will be presenting testimony for the county, McQuerry said. Price is an Elko land surveyor and Burkhardt is a range management consultant from Idaho. Both have appeared at previous hearings in regard to the history of the disputed road.

Cash Minor, the county's financial officer, said the money would be coming from a fund originally established to encourage employees to take early retirement. He explained the response to the county's early retirement incentive plan was almost negligible and nearly \$250,000 remains on the books. Minor said last August, the cost of the legal dispute over the road was more than \$105,000 but the total didn't include staff time spent on the issue. McQuerry has said in the past the majority of her time is spent on the legal problem, but her \$74,000 annual salary is not reflected in the county's costs.

U.S. Magistrate Robert A. McQuaid ordered the parties to the lawsuit to be in Reno Jan. 17 for the settlement conference, which is expected to last two to three days. Each side of the controversy will present its argument to the judge. The process, McQuerry explained, will help all the parties prepare for litigation if the case goes into court.

More information

EJKO County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 2 at the courthouse to swear in new members and elect a new chairman. Taking the office will be Warren Russell, John Ellison and Mike Nannini. Russell was elected to fill Tony Lepesenne's seat and Ellison defeated current Chairman Roberta Skleton. Lepesenne did not seek re-election. Nannini was re-elected to a third term.

THE SMALL PEOPLE



Actress and children's author Jamie Lee Curtis chats with Bart Davis and his daughter, Alda, at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum where she signed copies of her latest children's book 'Where Do Balloons Go?'

Actress signs books in Ketchum

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Jamie Lee Curtis' new children's book, "Where Do Balloons Go?" is available for \$16.95 at bookstores.

matching."

Curtis, a 42-year-old Golden Globe winner with such movies as "True Lies," "My Girl," "Prom Night" and "The Fog" under her belt, was not the least bit automated as she signed copies of her latest children's book "Where Do Balloons Go?" Friday at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum.

In fact, she was downright animated as she joked with the parade of book buyers, many of whom she knew from owning a second home in Ketchum.

"Mommy, where do balloons go?" asked Rachel Evans, one of the tiny partygoers, tugging on her mother's dress.

"Balloons for all the kids," she added, gesturing for them to help themselves to one of the balloons hanging from the ceiling.

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"Mommy, where do balloons

Energy prices chill valley residents

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The first cold day of winter was Friday, but many local residents have been feeling Jack Frost's nip for a while now - not only on their noses, but in their checkbooks.

Take Helen Jackson for example.

Jackson, 57, lives in a mobile home in Shoshone, which she heats with natural gas. Higher gas bills have affected her so much, Jackson said, that for the first time in her life she has to ask for help from the South Central Community Action Agency - which provides energy assistance in eight Magic Valley Counties.

"I've never had to ask anybody for help, and that has taken a big chunk from my pride," Jackson, who works as a clerk in Shoshone County, said recently. "I turn my

furnace down to 55 degrees at night just to save. And I've never turned it down that low."

Jackson's November heating bill was \$58. Her November bill last year was \$40.

If the energy experts are correct, Jackson is looking at paying an even higher bill for December.

The Energy Department estimated that heating bills for natural gas customers will be 50 percent higher this winter, even if winter weather is normal.

Natural gas companies such as Intermountain Gas, which serves southern Idaho, have already increased their rates.

The Idaho Public Utilities



JOHN T. HUDDY/Times-News

gas. That cost a little over \$2 per thousand cubic feet on the wholesale market last year spiked to between \$9 and \$20 per thousand cubic feet.

The new rate will take effect Jan. 15.

Margarito Gatan adjusts the thermostat in his Twin Falls home. Gatan is one of 200,000 southern Idaho Intermountain Gas customers who are being affected by natural gas rate increases this winter.

Ken Robinette, executive director of the South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls, said the natural gas price increases are already affect-

ing the agency's budget.

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MAGIC VALLEY/NATION

Leaders to seek funding equality

POCATELLO (AP) — As lawmakers prepare for the 2001 legislative session, southeastern Idaho senators, representatives and school officials want to focus on establishing parity among the state's public universities.

"It is patently unfair to disadvantage southern Idaho students to help northern Idaho students," said state Rep. Kent Kunz, R-Pocatello. "I want new money to be directed to the have-nots."

Kunz supports a "dollars follow the students" policy that would

change how the State Board of Education allocates general

funds from the Legislature to universities. Kunz proposes that allocation be directly linked to enrollment figures, rather than calculating increases from a university's budget base.

The State Board of Education has historically distributed less money from its general fund to

Idaho State than to either Boise State University or the University of Idaho.

"They're not giving enough consideration that ISU has increased enrollment more than anyone else, and the funding hasn't increased to match that," said Sen. Lin Whitworth, D-Inkom.

Boise State has a budget request for fiscal year 2002 of \$87.8 million, while the University of Idaho seeks \$106 million. Idaho State is asking for \$78.3 million.

Group calls 2000 good for land protection

BOISE — The Wilderness Society says officials did more this year to protect America's lands than in any year since 1980, when the 105-million-acre Alaska Lands Act became law.

"The roadside area protection policy, in particular, will make a long-term difference here in Idaho," said Craig Gehring, Idaho director of The Wilderness Society. "Some of the state's best remaining chinook salmon and steelhead trout habitat will be spared from road building and logging."

A new report released by The Wilderness Society also identified 10 fish and wildlife species that should benefit significantly from this year's land protection: the golden eagle, black bear, lynx, southern sea otter, scarlet tanager, elk, roseate spoonbill, bald eagle, grizzly bear and wolverine.

Agriculture Dept. to boost inspection efforts for mite

BOISE — Idaho will increase inspection efforts for a new exotic mite in response to the pest's presence in Oregon.

The New Pest Advisory Group, which will oversee those efforts, is made up of representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and the National Plant Board.

The flat scarlet mite was initially detected in Oregon in 1990 on apples, but was misidentified. It was found again this year on pears and now is a dominant species.

The pest is also found in Africa, Asia and Europe.

UPS driver's day includes 213 stops

By Sarah Sue Ingram

Newport News (Va.) Daily Press

NEWPORt NEWS, Va. — "Twas the week before Christmas and all through the land, United Parcel Service workers were going bananas.

UPS driver Kenny Crenshaw was stirring but not shaken by the daunting challenge behind him — a truck filled from floor to ceiling with packages. Riding shotgun on this day of delivery was an almost useless person in a UPS uniform. That would be me.

Wanting to see what these deliverers do during the pre-Christmas crunch, I received permission from company headquarters to witness a three-hour stretch of their busiest time of year. Only a sadomasochistic idiot would pick a 26-degree day to jump constantly in and out of a truck. Then again, I'm not as smart as Ginger, the Einstein canine. But more on that later.

Our odyssey begins by delivering packages to the Marine Training Center across the street from the Newport News Daily Press' office.

"They're doing a good thing here," Crenshaw says as we pass an immense room with stacks and stacks of toys the Marines

Idaho in brief

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture will conduct inspections throughout next year.

"We will look for host materials and the mite which is easily identified because of its unique color," administrator Roger Vega said. "Without the obvious presence of this pest, the insect damage is often misidentified as a nutrient problem."

Assessment program for teachers draws attention

POCATELLO — An assessment program developed by Idaho State University's College of Education is gaining national attention with its ability to accurately monitor graduates' teaching abilities.

The college's education assessment system focuses on K-12 student performance. Teachers document their ability to plan and deliver instruction, evaluate student learning and analyze their instruction in terms of student performance.

"Federal Title 2 legislation is calling for teacher accountability," said College of Education Dean Larry Harris. "National and state governments not only want to know what a teacher knows and is able to do, but also what impact a teacher has on K-12 student learning."

Representatives of the college have delivered presentations about Idaho State's "Teacher Education Program Standards-Based-Assessment-System" to educators throughout the coun-

will give to needy children.

Cpl. Michael Williams signs in the new packages, while Crenshaw enters into his handheld computer the time they were delivered.

So he's got to do bookkeeping? As well as drive safely and carry heavy boxes that weigh up to 150 pounds?

"The physical part doesn't bother me at all," Crenshaw says. "I don't mind pushing and pulling and tugging all day — it keeps you young. If I get stressed out, it's the mental part. Not only do I have deliveries, I have pick-ups also, and I have to be back at UPS by 7:30 p.m. for those to be processed."

He's saying all this with a natural smile, a visage he keeps the entire time.

"I love my job," Crenshaw says. "I've gotten attached to the people on my route. They're very nice to me. And I'm outdoors. I have a beautiful office, don't you think?"

His "office" is the cab of this long brown truck. A small St. Louis Bunnies dangles from the roof, and the only other thing of Crenshaw's is a blue Thermos bottle. There's no wasted space. There's usually no wasted time either.

We've made more stops and

now we're at a gated entrance of homes, but the woman who arrived ahead of us can't figure out how to work the call box to get security to lift the gate. We wait three minutes and then Crenshaw bounds out of the truck to help her. He's way more polite than I would have been — he doesn't roll his eyes even once.

"If you lose 15 minutes, you cannot make it up," he says.

He's got 213 stops today. We go to the doors of three homes and leave boxes at their doors. Because it's a gated complex, he gets secure leaving these packages.

At other stops, he doesn't feel secure, so he jots down his initials and the time he tried to make the delivery on top of the package and puts it back in the truck. He'll make three delivery attempts.

The most unusual things he's ever delivered?

"Taxidermy stuff," Crenshaw says. "I delivered a whole turkey once. I guess you'd call it a mounted turkey. Deer heads. Eyeballs. A surfboard. Live iguanas that went to a tropical pet store. It had holes in the box and that's as close as I got to it. I'm not too keen on reptiles."

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Forest M. Andrews

TWIN FALLS — Forest M.

Andrews, 87, of Twin Falls died Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 2000, at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demiray's Wendell Chapel.

Lavinia Patterson

RUPERT — Lavinia Patterson, a 90-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Robert 'Bob' S. Doney

SHOSHONE — Robert "Bob" S. Doney, 72, of Shoshone, died Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 2000, at his home in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

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SERVICES

the church.

Evelyn Stanger of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Lavinia Patterson of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the funeral on Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Fri. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at



Pianist-comedian Victor Borge, right, mimics pianist Liberace, left, backstage at the Golden Theater in New York during intermission at Borge's one-man show 'Comedy in Music' in this 1954 photo. Borge died in his sleep on Saturday. He was 91.

Victor Borge delighted audiences with music and jokes for decades

Pianist dies in his sleep at 91

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When Victor Borge launched his career as a concert pianist in Denmark in 1926, he was not exactly destined to become one of the world's most famous virtuoso pianists.

Yet because he could not resist submerging his own stage performances withanks, both physical and verbal, Borge effectively derailed a promising future as a highbrow pianist. Instead, he refined himself into a screwball musical satirist, ultimately attaining greater fame than most of the serious classical musicians he had revered since his youth.

Borge died Saturday at age 91. His daughter, Rikke Borge, said he died in his sleep at his Greenwich, Conn., home as the family was gathering for Christmas.

His death removes from the world stage a unique merger of high classical art, low physical comedy and unusually dexterous wordplay. For although others have tried to follow in his distinctly skewed footsteps, Borge had no significant rivals in a career that spanned more than 70 years.

He could not be imitated because his comic persona and stage routine were tailored to his own personality quirks, musical gifts and screw-loose sense of humor. When he was on stage, he simply was playing himself, an innately talented musician terrified of finally sitting down at the keyboard and playing a concert.

Rather than getting to the Beethoven or Brahms at hand,

Borge stalled — repeatedly inspecting the piano, trying to find middle C, mixing up pages of sheet music, combing his hair, criticizing latencies in the audience. The tension was hilarious, because no one knew when or if he might finally play a chord, and what it might sound like (usually discordant).

"Why is my art funny?" Borge asked himself in a 1987 Tribune interview. "Because I don't make fun of the music. I make fun of the people who play the music, and they are just as hilarious."

"Look at a symphony concert on TV, for instance, and turn off the sound. I promise that if you have the slightest sense of humor, you will laugh yourself silly; the musicians look and act absolutely ridiculous."

Indeed, it was the pretensions of highbrow musicians, with their grand manner and palpable sense of self-importance, that Borge skewered mercilessly. No one laughed harder at a Borge concert than musicians, for they saw their own failings comically magnified in his act.

"Look what Borge done to earn that title."

"It's nothing that I was doing, it's something I wasn't doing," he said. "I'm Jewish. That was enough, I think."

"Also, I would say in my performance," for instance, "Germany has just signed a non-aggression pact with Denmark — so now the Germans can sleep quietly, they don't have to worry about being invaded by the Danes."

"I also said, 'The difference between Hitler and a dog, among other things, is that the Nazi lifts his arm.'"

Were it not for a remarkable stroke of luck, Borge might not have escaped Denmark with his life. But on the day the Nazis invaded, he was performing in Stockholm, at which point he fled to the United States with \$20 in his pocket.

Different faiths share Christmas spirit

By Donna Gehrke-White
Kirk Riddick News Service

MIAMi — Although they are devout Sikhs, Gulshan Singh and his wife, Daljit, wholeheartedly celebrate Christmas.

"We give presents, exchange Christmas cards," says Singh, a retired physician who lives in Plantation, Fla.

To the Singh's, Christmas is like Thanksgiving: a secular American holiday to enjoy with their two sons and four grandchildren — part of the diversity they enjoy in multicultural South Florida.

Especially this year, with Hanukkah and Christmas so close together, the seasonal merrymaking poses a challenge to those of other faiths. Like the Sikhs, other Sikhs, as well as Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims, see the holidays as a time to rest and enjoy time with their families — and to teach their children about tolerance while remaining faithful to their own religion.

"It's a time to be together," says Tuyen Lee, 20, who lives in Pembroke Pines, Fla., with his parents, who immigrated from Vietnam.

The Lees, who are Buddhists, have a family dinner on Christmas Day with their cousins, who live down the street. It's a rare opportunity for the whole family to come together, since they all run

businesses that leave them virtually no time off. Lee's parents own a hair and nail salon; his cousins, a restaurant.

"Nobody has time," says Lee, who helps out at his parents' salon while studying finance at Florida International University.

— So being together at Christmas is a treasured event. "It would be the same for anyone — no matter the religion," he says.

The growing number of Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Buddhists in South Florida promotes the kind of support system that also helps families retain their own cultural and religious traditions.

Dr. Ramanujia Iyengar, an India-born cardiologist who lives in Bay Harbor Fls., remembers that when he moved here 30 years ago, his family had to celebrate Hindu holidays at home, strictly among themselves.

"Some do; some don't," says Iyengar. "I would say it's now 50-50. It depends how small their children are. If families have children under the age of 10 or 12, they would probably at least exchange gifts at Christmas."

Youngsters hear from class mates about the festivities of Christmas — especially Santa delivering presents — and they want to be part of it, he says.

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Here comes the Realennium

A year after the celebrations, the true millennium approaches

NEW YORK (AP) — For calendar purists, it's a one-in-a-thousand chance to get things right. For cities whose parties flopped a year ago, it's a chance for redemption.

Get ready — or not — for the Real Millennium, as opposed to the boisterous but mathematically incorrect celebrations that swept the globe when the Year 2000 arrived.

The number was nice and neat. But under the widely used Gregorian calendar, which started with the year 1, only 1,999 years had elapsed since the start of the first millennium. The third millennium doesn't begin until this coming New Year's Eve gives way to Jan. 1, 2001.

For most of the world, the evening will be more or less routine with few extraordinary festivities. But America's official timekeeper, the U.S. Naval Observatory, will hold a first-come, first-served open house for 3,000 people at its Washington headquarters to welcome the new millennium accurately.

"We always said the Year 2000 was the odometer effect — all those zeros turning over," said astronomer Steven Dick, the observatory's official historian. "We get the occasional letter or e-mail from people asking us for setting the record straight."

The observatory's party will be relatively sedate — no alcohol allowed. The mood may be different in Las Vegas and Denver, where civic leaders vow to make amends for egregiously unsuccessful celebrations a year ago.

"This is the real millennium," said Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. "Everybody else got it wrong, and we've got it right."

Denver officials were red-faced last year after extensive security measures, imposed because of previous post-Super Bowl riots, resulted in a near-empty downtown. One local TV anchorman, after showing spectacular fire-



Cory Watkins of Enid, Oklahoma, affixes tubes that will hold explosive charges for Denver's fireworks celebration to welcome in the year 2001. The Realennium will be celebrated in Denver and Las Vegas.

works and light shows from overseas, mockingly waved a police flashlight to portray Denver's light show.

This year, upward of 100,000 people are expected for a fireworks extravaganza in downtown, capping daylong festivities on Dec. 31.

Las Vegas is also determined to redeem itself after bombing on national television last year. The city made news that night not for festivities, but for a young man falling to his death after climbing a power pole.

Stung by criticism, Las Vegas intends to explode \$500,000 worth of fireworks in 10 minutes this New Year's Eve over the Strip. The police force is preparing for a crowd of 500,000, double last year's.

In Los Angeles, ridiculed for its fizzled \$6 million bash a year ago, city officials also promised to do better next time — in Y2K. Five New Year's Eve events last year drew an estimated 18,700 people, even though 87,000 tickets were given away.

Hillary seeks new digs for Democrats

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's hunt for an imposing Georgetown home is being driven by her desire to position herself as the new intellectual and fund-raising leader for the out-of-power Democrats, the New York Daily News has learned.

"It needs to be somewhat grand," said a knowledgeable source about Hillary's dream house. Clinton needs such a base to help transform her from freshman senator to power broker in the mode of the late Pamela Harriman, who provided a haven for the Democrats during their long Reagan-Bush exile from the White House.

Clinton, the source says, knows she needs a house that can function simultaneously as a residence and home office for her — and an intellectual salon for her party's brainy stalwarts.

One source said Clinton intends to be "the hostess with the mostest."

If the first-lady's grand scheme succeeds, Clinton will enhance her chances of being a top Democratic presidential or vice presidential prospect in 2004.

"It's a totally new model," the source said, "Pamela Harriman for the new century ... that's the role she wants to fill."

Harriman, the wife and lover of a string of famous men ranging from Winston Churchill's son, Randolph, to W. Averell Harriman, died in 1997.

"After (Ronald) Reagan won (the presidency), she just set out to create the new power center for out-of-power Democrats," Sally Bedell Smith, a Pamela Harriman biographer, said. Her Georgetown salon became "a comfortable, elegant place for power leaders and aspiring politicians to get together."

"Because the Democrats won't have the White House, they're going to need a place to meet and entertain," a source said. "I guess Hillary sees herself as the hostess."



Competition arises for DNC job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson plans to challenge fund-raiser extraordinaire Terry McAuliffe to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Jackson had been approached by several black leaders, including Rep. Maxine Waters-D-Calif., and Texas state Rep. Al Edwards, chairman of the DNC's black caucus, who complained that they were not consulted before McAuliffe decided to run.

"This is not a protest campaign," Jackson said. "This is a campaign to win and to lead."

Maynard, the first black mayor of Atlanta, said the Democrats won't be able to take back the White House in 2004 without winning some southern states. He said he would be a strong organizer for the 2002 and 2004 campaigns.

McAuliffe quickly landed the endorsements of President

Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle. He also has the support of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

The Democrats' most prolific fund-raiser, McAuliffe, also chaired Clinton's 1997 inaugural and the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

"He has broad support from every element of the Democratic Party: labor, business, conservative, liberal, every ethnicity involved," McAuliffe said. "We want to be one organized party to deal with the Republicans and I want to bring a lot of excitement, unity and purpose to this party and build on the successes that we had in this election."

Jackson said he had hopes of

victory. "This thing is not locked up," he said Saturday in a telephone interview. "We believe we have a chance to win this."

McAuliffe's campaign is being directed by outgoing national chairman Joe Andrew. The Democrats' general chairman, former Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell, also is stepping down.

The controversy over the Democratic leadership follows a huge outpouring of support for the party by blacks, who favored Gore over George W. Bush by a margin of 9-to-1, according to exit polls. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People spent \$9 million to get blacks to the polls.

If he wins, McAuliffe has pledged to name blacks to top party positions and to hold hearings on whether black voters were disenfranchised on Election Day.

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Cool head can be useful when coping with winter

Chicago Tribune

Automotive Tech Center in Oak Park, Ill.

In winter, he said, cars should have a lighter weight of oil, such as 5W30 rather than the standard 10W30, because heavier oil freezes easier and makes it harder for car engines to turn over.

And we're only in the first week of winter.

The cleaner your oil, the better air will move in your car will start," Rodriguez said.

In Chicago, landlords are required to keep apartment temperatures at least 68 degrees for most of the day and 63 degrees overnight.

Apartment temperatures in other municipalities may differ, depending on town ordinances.

"This is something the city takes very seriously," said Kriffen Robbins-Cabanian, spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Buildings, who noted the department responded to more than 15,000 heat-related complaints last year.

Also, pets must be cared for a little more delicately during the winter cold.

Kelle Spoden, animal control worker at DuPage County (Ill.) Animal Control, said the agency receives a lot of calls in subzero conditions about dogs left outside. But if the owners have provided the animal with proper food and shelter, Animal Control is virtually powerless to intervene, she said.

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Float home solitude on lake Pend Oreilles lures hardy souls

BAYVIEW (AP) — Nikki Charlton takes a break from her desk and looks out the window. Low clouds scud over the snowy mountains that ring Lake Pend Oreille. A raft of ducks bobs by. The 54-year-old legal consultant works from home. Home is on the water.

This is the third winter Charlton is spending in the two-story float home she and her husband moor in Pend Oreille's Scenic Bay.

"I just feel real privileged. This is just a special way of living,"

Charlton says. "It's so quiet. It makes you think each day of what you're doing."

The peaceful beauty of life on a winter lake generally makes up for the antifreeze dumped into the drain after every shower to keep pipes open, the 40-minute trips to the post office juggling a 100-pound propane tank down a slick dock.

"Storms are kind of fun," Charlton says. "We can really rock. It's even knocked pictures off the walls. We know when things go bump in the night, it's

just the float house bumping against the dock."

Only a handful of hardy northern Idaho souls live on the water year-round.

Deep enough to remain ice-free, Scenic Bay holds most, if not all, of them — five floating households.

Owners say the lifestyle prob-

ably is cheaper per month than living on land. Because space is minimized, heating bills are lower. But the houses are considered personal property, so owners lack an investment in real

property and must pay personal property tax.

Cory English and her husband, Dan, are spending their first winter in their float home, a refurbished boat shed. Cory English drives to Spokane four days a week to work as a physical therapist at Deaconess Medical Center. Dan works in Coeur d'Alene as Kootenai County's Park and Conklin Park.

"Nobody lives there year round," says Ron Hise, the state park's assistant manager. "I'd be kind of neat if you didn't have to worry about getting in and out too often."

just to see if we can do it," Cory English says. "Part of it was to cut back and live more simply."

Float home life is a sheer pleasure in the summer. Few stay through the winter. Other bays in the area freeze, blocking boat access. Or lake levels drop, like they do around Heyburn State Park and Conklin Park.

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An Idaho Department of Lands count in 1990 revealed 171 float homes on northern Idaho lakes and rivers. Of those, 61 were on Lake Coeur d'Alene, in places like Wolf Lodge Bay and other bays; 28 were on Hidden Lake, and 81 were on Lake Pend Oreille.

The total is dropping: The state of Idaho has not allowed new floating homes since 1978.

State officials protecting the public's ownership of submerged lands say the policy reflects the fact that houses belong on land.

Recent deaths spark concerns over deadly gas in houseboats

Danger may loom below deck

Following the carbon monoxide poisoning death of two young boys who were swimming under and around their family's houseboat, researchers conducted a study of houseboats with that hull design. The study found that generator exhaust from those houseboats resulted

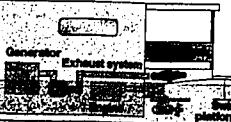
In potentially lethal concentrations of carbon monoxide in areas near the back of the boats.

Some houseboats, generator exhaust feeds out from the semi-enclosed cavity beneath a deck at the back of the boat, where the air is stagnant.

Carbon monoxide levels below the stern deck were found to be "lethal within seconds to minutes," with levels on or near the swim platform characterized as life threatening.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention P. Santini/AI

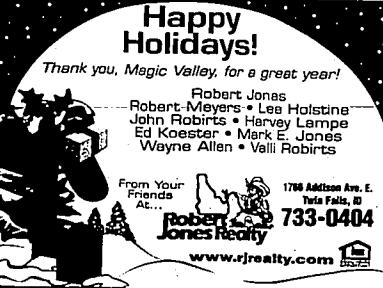
Side view



Prevention in Atlanta.

National statistics on boating accidents and fatalities compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard give little insight into the scope of carbon monoxide poisonings. The agency is planning to survey 85 boat builders about the problem in a preliminary step toward a possible recall.

"It's an attempt at cooperation; to get them to take this seriously," said Randolph Doubt, a Coast Guard civilian engineer. "That makes things a lot easier; all the way around."



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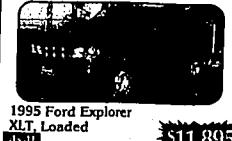
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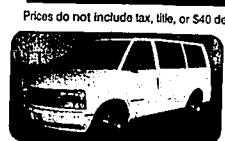
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Conservative groups worry over Cabinet

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Just about this time last year, many conservatives were swallowing whatever doubts they had about George W. Bush, convinced he won the GOP's best bet for the White House.

Now that he is naming a Cabinet, some members of the base he wooed so hard are beginning to fret that he will give in too readily to calls for healing and bipartisanship.

"We do want outreach to the conservatives," said Phyllis Schlafly, president of Eagle Forum, scoffing at the much-touted diversity in the first batch of appointees Mr. Bush introduced last week, including the nation's first black secretary of state, Colin Powell.

"Bush reached out to these other groups — the blacks and the Hispanics — and he got less support from them than Ronald Reagan did. He ought to do his reaching out to the people who elected him," she said.

To be sure, many conservatives are pleased at Bush's appointments so far. They embraced the choice for attorney general, defeated Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, who is staunchly anti-abortion and closely aligned with religious conservatives.

But many disdained the other nomination unveiled Friday: New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, a moderate who supports abortion rights, to run the Environmental Protection Agency. While most have kept any concerns private, many leaders from the right confess to there nervousness in the weeks ahead.

"I think he has a tight wire walk ahead of him," said Kenneth Connor, president of the Family Research Council, adding that he isn't worried himself. "The first rule of politics is dance with the ones that (brood) over you. At the same time he clearly has to reach out (to Democrats) to try to create that consensus that provides the foundation for advancing the agenda. I am confident that he appreciates the need to maintain his base."

Academics and conservatives agree that Bush faces a delicate balance as he forms a government and decides which parts of his agenda to push early.

"There's all kinds of pressures on him," said Stuart M. Butler, vice president of domestic and economic policy studies at the conservative Heritage Foundation, and co-creator of the group's "Priorities for the President" project. "He needs to keep moderates happy, yet deliver for conservatives. He's shown himself so far to be very adroit."

Butler noted that even Reagan, at least in his first term, had to build bipartisan coalitions on Capitol Hill and sometimes had to circumvent his own party's leadership to do it. Unlike his predecessor, Bush's party controls the House, and a 50-50 split in the Senate means that Vice President-elect Dick Cheney could cast deciding votes.

Peter W. Schramm, director of the Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, a conservative think tank at Ashland University in Ohio, thinks concerns that Bush won't get much of a honeymoon are overblown. For one thing, he said, Republicans are mindful that they lost two of the last three presidential races and barely won this one.



Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-D., is seen during an interview in his Capitol Hill office Dec. 18. Republicans are ecstatic about George W. Bush's White House victory, but it may be the Democratic Daschle who resists the biggest windfall.

Will appeal turn Oklahoma bomber into a martyr?

DENVER (AP) — Some people think Timothy McVeigh wants to become a martyr for anti-government causes. Others believe the convicted Oklahoma City bomber wants to control the only thing he can — his execution date.

Ever since his arrest just 90 minutes after the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people, McVeigh has never admitted involvement or given any reason for his actions. And McVeigh isn't saying why he has asked a federal judge to stop his appeals process and set an execution date.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who presided over McVeigh's trial, ordered a hearing on that request for Thursday in his Denver courtroom. McVeigh will participate by a videoconference.

encircling link from a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where he is on death row.

No federal prisoner has been executed in 37 years.

"I think death is too easy for him. My wife would be that he would have to spend the rest of his life in jail," said Marsha Kight, whose daughter was killed in the blast.

The 32-year-old Gulf War veteran became angered by government actions including the raid on the Branch Davidians compound near Waco, Texas, and the FBI stand-off with Randy Weaver and his family at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Provoen argued at his trial that McVeigh hoped the bombing would capitalize on anti-government sentiment and ignite a revolution.

Timothy McVeigh on the Branch Davidians compound near Waco, Texas, and the FBI stand-off with Randy Weaver and his family at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Provoen argued at his trial that McVeigh hoped the bombing would capitalize on anti-government sentiment and ignite a revolution.

Minority leader gains stature

Daschle's stock rises with Republican in White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, only a vote away from bringing his party back into the majority, will likely soon emerge as the nation's most visible Democrat once Republican George W. Bush moves into the White House.

With the Senate divided 50-50 between the parties and only 41 votes needed under its rules to thwart most legislation, Daschle, more than any other Democrat in the country, will have the power block Bush's agenda or at least extract concessions in exchange for it.

And if an historical trend persists — the losing party in a presidential election picks up seats in Congress two years later — or one plays down talk of his own rising star.

"I don't think I'm the top anything," the South Dakota Democrat said in an interview in his Senate office, sitting next to a crackling fire. "I see myself as one of many faces in Democratic leadership that hopefully will be able to articulate the vision of our party, but I don't think I have it alone."

Daschle, who stood by Vice President Al Gore during his post-election battle in Florida, acknowledges that his own hand is stronger with Bush's victory.

"I think there is something to that," he said. "Although I wouldn't hesitate to trade that is to have a President Gore and a Vice President Lieberman."

Working opposite a Republican president for the first time provides Daschle both a challenge and an opportunity to be more active in shaping party policy. He says he will start meeting with House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., who will have nine fewer votes than Republicans in that chamber.

Counting the tie-breaking vote of Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, Daschle has only one less vote than Republicans in the Senate. But it's Senate rules that give the minority party more power than in the House that give Daschle the stronger hand.

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FREE FOOD



Amelia Hawkins, top, Noelle Jamieson, middle, and Angela Kamphay, bottom, pick up free food lined up in the pews at the St. Lukes Mission of Mercy Thursday in Buffalo N.Y. The church is giving out more than 3000 bags of free food to the needy.

Thrill-seekers jam theme parks in 2000

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - A record 75 million people stood in line for rides at North America's top 50 theme parks, a trade magazine has reported.

Attendance was up 3 percent, matching last year's increase, according to Amusement Business.

Florida and California parks, which cater to out-of-town tourists, dominated the top 10 spots with Disney parks occupying the first five, the magazine said.

For the fourth year in a row, the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Orlando was the most visited park in North America, with approximately 15 million visitors, up 1.3 percent from last year.

Worldwide the park was only outdistanced by Tokyo Disneyland, the world's best attended park, which had an estimated 16.5 million visitors, down more than 5 percent from last year.

The larger theme parks don't release attendance figures, but the Nashville, Tenn.-based trade publication calculates them each year based on inside sources and information provided by visitors and convention bureaus.

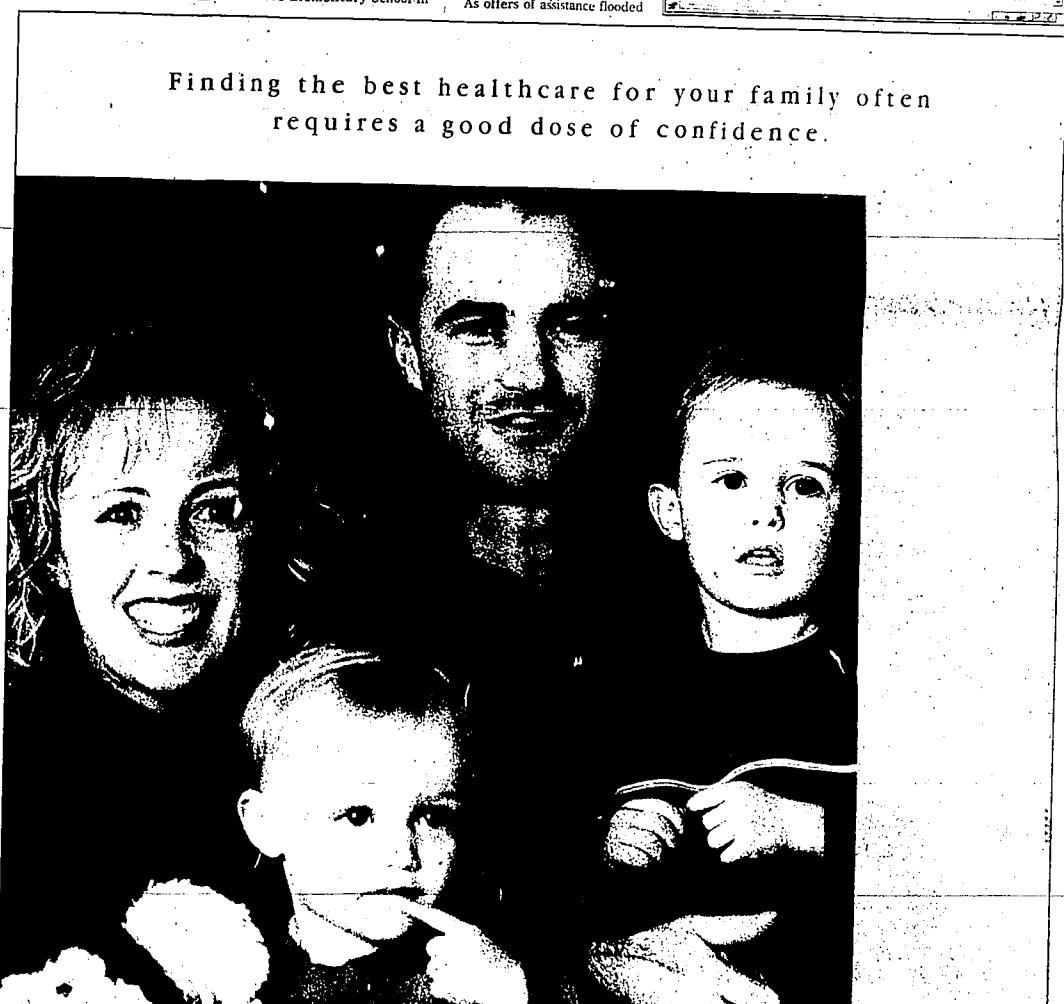
The figures showed no signs of an economic slowdown, said Tim O'Brien, one of the magazine's editors.

Regional parks in the Midwest and Northeast, which cater to visitors living within 150 miles, were hurt by cool and wet weather in the spring, despite new multimillion-dollar rides at several parks.

Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, for example, expected to get a large attendance boost from the debut of its \$25 million Millennium Force roller coaster, the first coaster more than 300-feet tall. But cold and rainy weather kept visitors away, the park said.

In Florida, SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens Tampa Bay saw double-digit attendance gains due largely to a discount program targeting local residents.

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A Community of Caring

Aid pours in for students with dashed hopes

Man promises college tuition to students who lost scholarships

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - A Virginia real estate investor promised he'll raise the funds to pay the college tuition costs of more than 40 Washington, D.C., public school students who were promised scholarship money from a foundation that has since folded.

Joseph E. Robert Jr., who heads a group called Fight for Children, which provides grants for scholarships and children's charities, said he would cover whatever tuition costs are not paid by federal and local grants to which the students are entitled.

"I hope it helps them restore what's been a shattered dream over the last couple of days," Robert said.

A number of other individuals and organizations also have come forward to help the students. A group called the D.C. College Access Program, a nonprofit that provides scholarship money, has been coordinating donations with assistance from the D.C. mayor's office.

The students' situation was described in an article in Wednesday's Washington Post. Now high school seniors, they were members of the sixth-grade class that graduated from Bruce-Monroe Elementary School in

Northwest Washington in 1995.

According to the students, their parents and the school's former principal, the children were told that if they graduated from a D.C. public high school, they would receive full college scholarships from the Bethesda, Md.-based Phoenix Foundation. The same promise was made when the children were in kindergarten, the parents and the former principal said.

But the students, many of them from low-income families, learned recently that they did not have any scholarship money. George Abel, who headed the Phoenix Foundation and had announced the plans to raise the money, said earlier in December that the foundation went out of business several years ago but that he never told the families.

Hill said when she recently learned that her scholarship money was no longer available,

she considered not going to college. She said she did not want to have to work while attending

in Thursday, students from the Bruce-Monroe class said their parents were ecstatic.

"This is so great!" said Tori Hill, 17, a senior at Cardozo Senior High School.

"It just gives me more hope to go on. I thought I was going to be struggling now, since everyone's coming forward, it's a big hope for us."

Hill said that when she recently learned that her scholarship money was no longer available, she considered not going to college. She said she did not want to have to work while attending

class and scrape to make ends meet. Now, she said, she will go to college and wants to earn a doctorate in elementary education.

Among the donors who have come forward is John Rocca, 59, of Leesburg, Va., who owns a company that installs traffic signs in Northern Virginia. He said he would send \$20,000 to the College Access Program to help cover the students' college costs.

Rocca graduated from the District's Chamberlain Career Senior High School, which has since been closed. He said he wanted to make sure the students from Bruce-Monroe wound up in college and not on the streets.

"Now they've got an incentive to go on and finish their schooling," Rocca said. "I just didn't want to see their dreams shattered if they worked hard all these years."

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WORLD

Bombs rock Indonesian churches

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A series of bombs exploded Sunday outside five churches during Christmas Eve celebrations in Indonesia's capital, killing at least one man and injuring 16 other people.

Details were sketchy, and no group immediately took responsibility, police said.

But religious violence and tensions have been rising recently throughout this predominantly Muslim country, and Muslim vigilante groups have recently attacked restaurants and nightclubs in Jakarta, the capital.

"This is an act of terror against Christians on Christmas Eve," said police Senior Inspector Supono, who, like many Indonesians, uses only one name.

The blasts in Jakarta took place within a few minutes of each other and within a radius of about a mile. None of the churches was damaged.

Five churches were targeted in the capital. One bomb, thought to be planted in a parked car, blew up near the city's Roman Catholic Cathedral, located close to the main mosque and presidential palace.

U.N. employees return to Afghanistan under promise

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.N. international employees began returning to Afghanistan on Sunday after the ruling Taliban militia guaranteed they would not face a violent backlash because of newly proposed sanctions.

Three U.N. workers arrived in the beleaguered Afghan capital, Kabul, early Sunday, while seven others returned to Herat and Kandahar, said Erick de Mul, the U.N. coordinator for Afghanistan.

They are among about 50 international workers the United Nations pulled out of Afghanistan last week amid fears of a violent reaction to a sanctions resolution the U.N. Security Council passed last week.

"Everything is fine and we don't have any problems in our operations," de Mul said.

De Mul said the Taliban had guaranteed the safety of the U.N. employees, most of whom work for agencies involved in removing land mines, aiding refugees and providing food assistance. Most of them will be back in Afghanistan in the coming week, he said.

Barak backs push for peace; Palestinians say gaps remain

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Sunday that now was the time to make a major push for a Mideast peace deal, but Palestinians were more cautious, saying key differences remained following talks this past week in Washington.

As Israeli and Palestinian negotiators returned from their talks in Washington, and details began to emerge, Israel appeared willing to make additional compromises on east Jerusalem and the final borders of a Palestinian state.

But in return, Israel expected the Palestinians to scale back their demands on the "right of return" for millions of Palestinian refugees who fled or were driven from their homes in Mideast wars.

China, U.S. trade should reach record high in 2000

BELGRADE — Trade between China and the United States should reach a record \$73.5 billion this year, with China racking up yet another enormous trade surplus, the government's Xinhua News Agency said.



Indonesian rescue teams try to extinguish a burning car after an explosion outside a church in Jakarta Sunday night. A series of bombs exploded Sunday outside five churches during Christmas Eve celebrations in Indonesia's capital killing at least one man and injuring 16 other people.

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The estimate was based on statistics for the first 10 months of the year, which showed the two countries exchanged goods and services worth \$61.3 billion — as much as all of last year, the report said.

That amounted to a 23.4 percent increase from the January-October period last year, the report said.

According to the statistics, the balance of trade still remains overwhelmingly in China's favor.

The United States bought

\$43.4 billion worth of Chinese-made shoes, clothes, toys and other goods in the first 10 months of this year, up 27 percent from the same period last year.

During the same time, China spent \$18 billion on U.S. goods, mainly aircraft, farm products and electronics, 15 percent higher than last year, the report said.

China now appears poised to pass Japan as the country running up the largest trade surpluses with the United States.

—compiled from wire reports

Democratic movement heads for powerful majority in Serbia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Vojislav Kostunica's followers promised sweeping reforms as the first official results suggested pro-democracy forces captured an overwhelming majority of seats in the Serbian parliament, a main locus of power in Yugoslavia.

Initial results announced shortly before noon on Sunday indicated Kostunica's camp secured 177 seats in the 250-member legislature — more than the two-thirds majority needed to change the constitution. The party led by former president Slobodan Milosevic was a distant second, with 38 seats.

The results were based on more than 30 percent of ballots cast, the state election commission said. In addition to Milosevic's Socialist Party, two other parties made it into the assembly: the ultranationalist Radical Party, with 22 seats, and the hard-line Serbian Unity Party, with 13.

Further results were expected later Sunday, but major shifts were expected.

Milosevic's once-dominant Socialist Party had already conceded defeat, and Kostunica's Democratic Opposition of Serbia began celebrating victory after the polls closed Saturday night.

"The democratic reconstruction



Zoran Djindjic

of Serbia and Yugoslavia will be completed after these elections," Kostunica said on Serbian state television. "In a few days, we'll have a new parliament and government which will be able to tackle corruption and other problems ahead."

The pro-democracy forces also

indicated they would head for a showdown with leaders of

Milosevic's discredited govern-

ment.

Despite the change in Yugoslav

leadership, Milosevic's allies had still controlled key power levers in Serbia, such as the judiciary and the 60,000 strong police force. Serbia accounts for more than 90 percent of Yugoslavia's population of 10 million.

"We won the elections, but a huge job is ahead of us," said prime minister designate Zoran Djindjic. "The government will work 24 hours a day for the people."

Without a strong party to back him in the new parliament, Milosevic is now vulnerable to prosecution for running the country during his 13 years in power. Kostunica has refused to extradite Milosevic to the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, but wants to try him and others in Yugoslavia.

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Section C

The Times-News

Today's topic is
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Does this sound like you? You never have enough time. You can't find anything. You're surrounded by random piles of paper - unanswered letters, overdue bills, a ransom note dated last August (so that's what happened to little Jason!). If that describes your life, you need to make a New Year's Resolution to get organized. As Benjamin Franklin so aptly put it, in one of his pithy maxims: "If a man be organized, then that man be a lot more organized than the man whom do not be as organized as the first man I was talking about earlier in this maxim." Or words to that effect.

Which brings us to rule No. 1 for getting organized:

1. Eliminate excess paperwork.

What do we mean by "excess paperwork"? We mean "paperwork."

If you were to go into the office of any major corporate executive, you would be arrested. So just

take my word for it: Top executives never let paperwork sit around. They take action. For example, when a Microsoft employee places a document on the desk of Bill Gates, Bill immediately blasts it with a flamethrower. Great, this

Microsoft's costs for desk replacement, not to mention (if the employee is a slow runner) medical care. But it saves Bill tons of time. He, like all successful executives, has learned that paperwork often contains words, which are huge time-wasters.

That's why busy corporate honchos prefer to look at "executive summaries," which contain few, if any, words. The largest business merger in history - the \$160 billion acquisition of Time Warner by America Online - was approved by both boards of directors based solely on a crayon drawing of a duck eating a frog.

So if you want to be as efficient as the "big boys," make a habit of discarding, unread, any letter or document that starts with a red-flag "time-waster" word phrase, such as "Dear," or "The," or "Search Warrant."

But what about documents that you think you might need later? How do you keep them organized? I've devised an efficient system for such documents: I give them to my Research Department, Judi Smith, with a little yellow sticky note that says "JUDI - PLEASE MAKE FILE" (Notice that I leave out the unnecessary word "to"). This saves time! Judi puts the document into a folder, labels the folder and puts it into a file drawer in alphabetical order. Then - and this is the heart of my system - nobody ever looks at it again.

Which brings us to our second rule for getting organized:

2. Delete till e-mail before reading it.

The typical Internet user receives an average of 17,000 e-mail messages per year. Of this total, an average of one message actually contains useful information (it says: "Disregard previous email"). The rest are porno ads, investment opportunities for morons ("Make Big Money Playing Kittens At Home!"), and jokes that were originally set in movable type by Johann Gutenberg.

This is not to say that technology can't help you get organized. In fact, my next recommendation is:

3. Get a "palm" type personal organizing device.

These things are great! I have one, into which I entered the phone numbers of everybody I know. This took a year, during which all the phone numbers became inaccurate, thanks to the ceaseless effort of the telephone industry's Committee to Assign Everybody A New Mutant Area Code Every Six Months. But I still use my "Palm" device for scheduling. Say I need to call an important business associate at 10:45 a.m. I simply enter the Palm with me - the compact size allows it to fit easily in my undershorts - and at exactly 10:45, nothing happens, because I threw away the paperwork that explains how to set the alarm. This saves me valuable time, because in fact I have no important business associates.

My final, and most important, organizational rule is:

4. Delegate responsibility.

What do I mean by this? I mean,

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My friend Thelma Crane of Royal Oak,

How to eat Christmas dinner

(and not be sorry you did)

1 Eat something before dinner. "If you're going someplace where food is served, eat something light beforehand, such as fruit slices or some vegetables," said Amy Chapman, a nutrition and diet expert at Texas A&M University. "It's always a good idea to munch on fruits and vegetables before you hit the cheese and the Judge. You won't eat as much."

2 Taste everything - but eat mindfully. "Forget about banning certain foods, or they'll come back and haunt you - they'll be all you think about," said Heather Shaw, a registered dietitian at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

3 Go easy on the schnapps. "Alcohol contributes seven calories per gram, but essentially no other nutrients," said Jim Meyer, nutrition specialist for the University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service. "A 1 1/2-ounce glass of rye whiskey has 120 calories; egg nog has 335 calories."

Better choices? A glass of club soda with a twist of lemon. And always keep a low-calorie beverage in your hand to prevent well-meaning hosts from asking if you need something.

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Just so you know

A 3 1/2-ounce serving of roasted turkey has 115 calories; a 3 1/2-ounce piece of roast duck meat with skin 221 calories; a 3 1/2-ounce piece of roast duck meat without skin has 187 calories.

A piece of apple pie (that's one-eighth of a pie) has 347 calories; a piece of blueberry pie has 387 calories; a piece of cherry pie has 418 calories.

One-half cup of mashed potatoes has 111 calories.

One-half cup of stuffing has 198 calories; one-half cup of cornbread stuffing has 175 calories.

- Source: Les Jacobson, *slowlife.com*

4 Savor. "Don't blindly eat your favorite foods - eat them slowly, and take time to appreciate the flavor," Shaw said.

5 Vegetables first. At a typical holiday meal, a healthy adult consumes about 2,000 calories, according to the federal Department of Agriculture. But if a majority of the calories come from vegetables and fruit, you can cut the total number of calories - and more importantly, the fat - significantly.



6 If you do stuff yourself, take a hike. "It's not just good exercise," Shaw said. "It will make you feel better after a heavy meal."

7 Sip up the dessert bar. "If you love pecan pie, go for it," Shaw said. "But then skip the brownies."

8 Skip the seconds. Load up your plate the first time, and when your host asks if you want more, go watch the football game.

9 Passing up little things can save you big calories. Put gravy, butter and sugar at the top of that list.

10

It's Christmas: You're allowed to overindulge today.

"Just because you take three or four days off doesn't mean you've lost the battle," Paul Kennedy, assistant vice president and national director of fitness programming for Bally Total Fitness told healthAtZ, an online health magazine. "Weight management is a lifelong endeavor."

- Source: Heather Shaw, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Texas A&M University; University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service; healthAtZ.com

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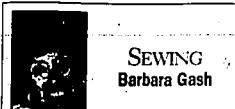
Pastimes for winter sewsticce

As we hunker down for a cold winter, knitting seems a particularly cozy pastime. Here are some new books to help you go along.

• "Comforts of Home: Simple Knitted Accents" by Erika Knight (Martingale & Co., \$29.95) is a compact volume of 18 knitted projects for the home. The author is a design consultant, and she has pulled together a nice collection of simple pillows, throws, bath accessories and more. Clear photos and step-by-step directions take you through each project, and swatches of different techniques are presented. Good information on color, texture, yarns and design is included. The book is available at stores, or call 800-426-3126 anytime. The Web address is <http://www.martingalepub.com/>

• "Knitting on the Go," a series of small books from Vogue Knitting, has added two more titles: "Bags and Backpacks" and "Baby Blankets." These do contain 20 quick and portable projects, as do the six previous books featuring gloves, scarves, pillows, socks, hats and baby knits. They are ideal for a trip during the holidays, and the skill ranges from beginner to advanced. Both books are \$12.95, but if you order by Dec. 31, the cost is only \$9.95 (plus \$2 postage). Call 800-766-3619 anytime.

My friend Thelma Crane of Royal Oak,



SEWING
Barbara Gash

Mich., wrote the following and gave me permission to print it: "I was sitting one morning, knitting on a sweater for my new granddaughter (in mid March), I realized what a quiet joy I felt as I created each stitch. This led me to think about how women, from primitive times to the present, have expressed themselves through the art of needlework. In earlier times, needlework gave women a voice in a male-dominated society. It has brought women joy in happy times and in sad times."

"I, for one, am thankful I have the gift of the needle, be it hand-knitting, crocheting, tatting, cross-stitch, quilting, sewing by machine, etc. I am sure I share this feeling with all of you who are so gifted."

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Frenchman tips the scales

From the movies, you might think that all Frenchmen are lank and scrawny. Ha! According to a report in Men's Fitness magazine, a 31-year-old Frenchman has the highest cholesterol level ever recorded: 1,620. The 450-pound restaurant manager has 71 percent body fat - nearly the same fat content as a stick of butter.

A stiff belt doesn't help

Speaking of health and fitness: Just in time for all those workers handling heavy holiday packages, new research suggests that back belts widely used in industry to prevent lifting injuries don't work, according to a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

A simple blood test

Regular blood testing is a useful alternative to more invasive steps in detecting possible colon cancer, researchers have found. A barium enema every 10 years is the preferred method for detecting precancerous colorectal polyps. But some people may prefer the less-invasive fecal occult blood test, or FOBT. This study investigated how effective regular

Health notes

screening with FOBT was in reducing the incidence of colorectal cancer. Researchers randomly divided 46,551 men and women between the ages of 50 and 80 into three groups. One was instructed to have FOBT annually. The second was told to get tested biennially. People in the third, considered the control group, were left to decide on their own whether to have any screening done. People in the first two groups submitted stool samples that were inspected for blood that might have been shed by large polyps or cancerous cells. People with suspect stool samples were urged but not required to undergo further exams, including colonoscopy.

In the next 18 years, there were 417 new cases of colorectal cancer in the annual screening group, 435 in the biennial screening group and 507 in the control group. The researchers calculated that the incidence of colorectal cancer was 20 percent lower in the annual screening group than the control group and 17 percent lower in the biennial screening group.

- compiled from wire service reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Is Lasik safe for children?

Long-term effects of eye surgery on kids are unknown

Los Angeles Times

As hundreds of thousands of U.S. adults enthusiastically embrace Lasik eye surgery, it's no surprise that children are beginning to ask, "What about me?"

Eye surgeons report that a small but growing number of teenagers who for various reasons cannot - or don't want to - wear glasses and contact lenses are seeking Lasik eye surgery. Some doctors question the ethics of performing Lasik on young eyes that are still developing while also noting that the procedure, despite a strong safety record, is not without risk.

Meanwhile, some researchers have begun performing Lasik on young children with serious eye disorders that have not responded well to other treatments. One such clinical trial is under way in Pittsburgh, and studies are set to begin soon in Los Angeles.

Lasik, which uses an excimer laser to reshape the cornea to correct nearsightedness and farsightedness, already has been studied in parts of Europe and India for

children with certain vision problems. Those studies have produced favorable results, prompting some U.S. doctors to reconsider the long-standing belief that children's eyes are continuously changing and therefore should not be surgically corrected. And doctors are also encouraged by the safety record of some 2.5 million Lasik surgeries in the United States.

Although the long-term effects of Lasik - especially repeated Lasik surgeries - are unknown, short-term studies show a very low risk of serious complications, such as blindness, and a 5 percent to 15 percent rate of less serious complications, such as dry eyes, glare or light sensitivity, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

"What's pushing this interest in children is the safety record in adults," said Dr. Jonathan Song, a pediatric ophthalmologist at Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles and the Doheny Eye Institute.

The notion that Lasik can't be performed in the still-developing eye of a child is "too simplistic," according to Song. Researchers know very little about how and why children's eyes change as they get older - or about why some kids' eyes don't change at all. "There is a whole field of research (that needs) to be

opened up," he said. But other doctors are uneasy with the idea of performing Lasik on children. Even a remote possibility of causing blindness in a child for an elective surgical procedure is reason enough to err on the side of caution, they say.

"As a general rule, it's not appropriate to do Lasik in children whose eyes are still growing and are not stable," said Dr. Peter J. McDonnell, chief of ophthalmology at University of California, Irvine.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the lasers used in Lasik for nearsighted adults ages 18 and older and for farsighted adults ages 21 and older. In actual practice, however, doctors can use the lasers, however - and on whomever they wish.

While Lasik in youths who simply don't want to wear glasses or contact lenses remains controversial, support is growing for studying Lasik in young children with a vision defect in which one eye is much worse than the other.

The condition, called anisometropia, affects about 1 percent of children at birth. Most children begin treatment as babies by wearing special glasses or contact lenses to improve vision. They may also wear a patch over the stronger eye to force the weaker eye to work.

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Perimenopause surprises women

Los Angeles Times

Women expect menopause; it's the hormonal changes beforehand that blindsides them.

"I felt like I was living in someone else's body," says Debbie Greenberg, 45, who three years ago began having heavy periods, days-long headaches and "brain fog." "I didn't know what was going on. I had no clue. I wondered if I was cracking up."

When her gynecologist identified her symptoms as part of perimenopause, Greenberg says, "it was validation."

Perimenopause, a term that has largely replaced "premenopause," is the hormonal and physical changes leading to menopause, commonly defined as 12 months without a period. After that, a woman is considered postmenopausal.

For some women, the approach of this hormonal milestone offers a stark reminder that even at the prime of life — when they have mastered the juggling of jobs, kids and relationships — their bodies are aging.

For those who may have postponed motherhood, it's hard to accept that their supply of eggs capable of producing a child is dwindling.

Still others are troubled by losing control over their bodies and moods as their hormones fluctuate wildly.

Dr. Marcie Richardson, an obstetrician-gynecologist who directs a menopause consultation service in Boston, says women come to expect certain patterns from their hormones, such as premenstrual syndrome.

"When these things are all over the map," she says, "that's very disturbing for women."

Adding to their frustration is the lack of answers to their perimenopause questions.

Even doctors are at a loss to predict when it will begin or how it will affect efforts to become pregnant.

Nor can they say whether women will have a rough time getting through it. Most have

only mild symptoms; others have astonishingly disruptive effects.

Doctors can't even agree on when a woman should seek help. Some doctors suggest she consult at the first sign of menstrual changes; others advise waiting until symptoms become bothersome, such as missing periods or having hot flashes.

But there are signs that knowledge about this transitional time is growing: Doctors now can offer women better ways to cope.

"Twenty years ago, if somebody had hot flashes and skipped a few periods here and there, we didn't have good treatments for them," says Dr. Isaac Schiff, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital.

As recently as 30 years ago, many of these women routinely underwent hysterectomies — surgical removal of the uterus and sometimes the ovaries. The women now hitting perimenopause, he says, "are not going to settle for a hysterectomy."

Perimenopause provides an opportunity to assess her health and choose a strategy that will protect her for the third of her life following menopause.

Think of perimenopause as puberty in reverse. During puberty, brain chemicals switch on a girl's ovaries, starting a cascade of physical changes that herald her entry into womanhood. At perimenopause, the ovaries begin to run out of eggs and stop responding to those chemicals, a natural progression leading to menopause.

The transition to menopause varies among women, as does the onset of puberty, says Dr. Gregory Gass, director of the menopause and osteoporosis center at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "To some it was rocky; to others it was a piece of cake."

Although most women reach perimenopause at about age 46, it can occur as early as 35 or as late as 55, doctors say. Smoking can speed up onset by two years.

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The fad for light-colored eyes has lured young adults, especially teenage girls, into the dangerous waters of cheap bootleg contact lenses.

Optometrists say they see a growing number of teens with sight-threatening eye infections from cosmetic lenses peddled without prescriptions.

Beauty salons, flea market booths and even convenience stores are the culprits, selling tinted lenses for as low as \$5 a pair.

Unlicensed sellers target lower-income families who don't want to spend the money for optometrist exams. The bootleggers seldom give an exam, a proper fit or teach proper lens care, leaving the wearers vulnerable to problems.

"They are in some ways preying on these kids," says Dr. Susan King, an optometrist who works at a For Eyes store in Fort Lauderdale.

Lauderdale. "I've seen enough kids now with eye problems to know that it's getting icky," she says. Some of her patients had lasting vision loss, despite extensive treatment from specialists.

Ruby, a high school senior from Fort Lauderdale who has bought three pairs of bootleg lenses, says a lot of her friends think they don't need an eye exam because the lenses are strictly cosmetic.

Not so. A correct fit is key. Lenses are supposed to float on a layer of tears with the fluid carrying oxygen. If the lenses are too tight, the oxygen is cut off and the cells on the cornea (the outer lining of the eye) start to die.

The bootleggers often do not give instructions about the proper use, care and cleaning of the lenses, as an optometrist would. King says.

The result: Teens don't store or clean them properly, leading

to bacterial infections that leave scars called corneal ulcers. A large scar or one in the center of vision can spell blindness.

"It's potentially sight-threatening, depending on where the scar is," King says. "You can't feel you're doing damage to your eyes until you have a full-blown infection."

The Florida Board of Optometry, which regulates eye professionals, has heard complaints about bootleg lenses for more than a year now and has

pressed state officials to crack down.

"It's a real problem out there. It's a serious concern, that's for sure," says Joe Baker, the board's executive director.

Ruby says she and her friends have no idea of the risk. They just think their brown eyes are boring and need to be livened up. She bought hazel and gray lenses at a beauty shop and a flea market.

"Some kids wear green day, gray the next," Ruby says. "They really do look pretty."

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John A. Roetman, MD

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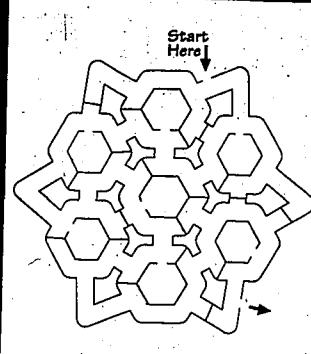
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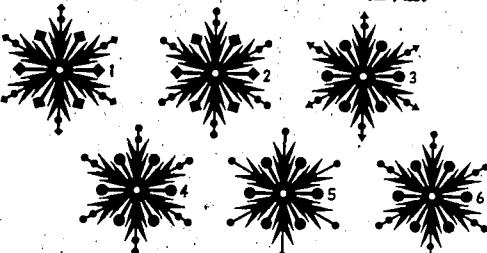
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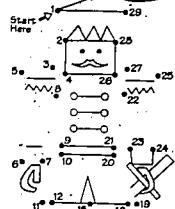


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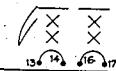
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The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa are:

- Umoja*—Unity
- Kujichagulia*—Self-determination
- Ujima*—Collective work and responsibility
- Ujamaa*—Cooperative economics
- Nia*—Purpose
- Kuumba*—Creativity
- Imani*—Faith

When it comes to the celebration, there are many symbols of Kwanzaa. This is what they mean:

- Mishumaa Saba*—Black, red and green candles lit each day of Kwanzaa.
- Kinara*—The candleholder for those candles.
- Mkeka*—Straw mat that holds the kinara.
- Vibunzi or muhindi*—Ears of corn that represent each child in a house.
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Stampede march to best-team status

BOISE — No Continental Basketball Association team is hotter this week than the Idaho Stampede.

Staking out a 62-51 halftime lead and riding that momentum until game's end, Idaho's pro basketball team beat La Crosse 111-93 late Saturday night to improve to 50-4.

The Stampede are the only unbeaten team not just in the five-team National Conference, but in the entire 10-team league. The three-pronged attack of Willie Burton, Boise State product Roberto Bergersen and Sharif Fajardo is a big reason why. Saturday night, Burton had 22 points, Fajardo 20 and Bergersen 19. Also in double figures were Brian Green with 15 points, Randy Livingston with 14 and Joe Courtney with 12.

Idaho plays at Sioux Falls today.

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Idaho beats Montana St. at the free-throw line

MOSCOW — Sophomore center Chris Monroe led the way with 18 points and eight rebounds as the University of Idaho (3-7) barely beat Montana St. (6-5) late Saturday night.

Adam Miller finished the game with 16 points, Matt Gerscheske had 14 and Bethel Fletcher had 13.

Montana St.'s final lead in the game came midway through the first half, although the Bobcats nipped at the Vandals' heels throughout. The final surge was in the closing minutes as Montana St. cut a 13-point University of Idaho lead to 2-2 with 6:50 left.

The Vandals ensured the victory at the free-throw line. They nearly doubled their field-goal percentage from a week ago and more than doubled their points.

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RAMS LUCK OUT

Faulk's legs, defense and Bears bring St. Louis back

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The St. Louis Rams will get a chance to defend their Super Bowl championship after all.

They have Marshall Faulk and their defense to thank — along with the Chicago Bears.

More NFL Faulk ran into the record books to help put the Rams in the playoffs, scoring three touchdowns in St. Louis' 26-21 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

The victory, combined with the Bears' 23-20 upset of the Detroit Lions on a 54-yard field goal with two seconds left, means the Rams will return to New Orleans next week for the wild-card game.

Despite being the sixth and last seeded team in the NFC, St. Louis (10-6) might enter the postseason as the favorite to go back to the Super Bowl. But the Rams will need a healthy Kurt Warner, who was knocked out of the game in the third quarter with a mild concussion.

Faulk, who touched the ball just 10 times in the Rams' 31-24 loss to the Saints earlier this season, scored touchdown No. 26 in Sunday's game, breaking Emmitt Smith's NFL record of 25. Faulk also ran for a career-high 220 yards on 32 carries.

The St. Louis defense, which had allowed 450 points in its first 15 games, yielded the Saints only 134 yards in the first three quarters and didn't give up a touchdown.

The only New Orleans score over that period came on an interception return. The Saints added 135 more yards and two TDs in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough.

How good was the Rams' defense?

The Saints (10-6) got over midfield just once in the first half — to the St. Louis 48 with 17 seconds left before intermission.

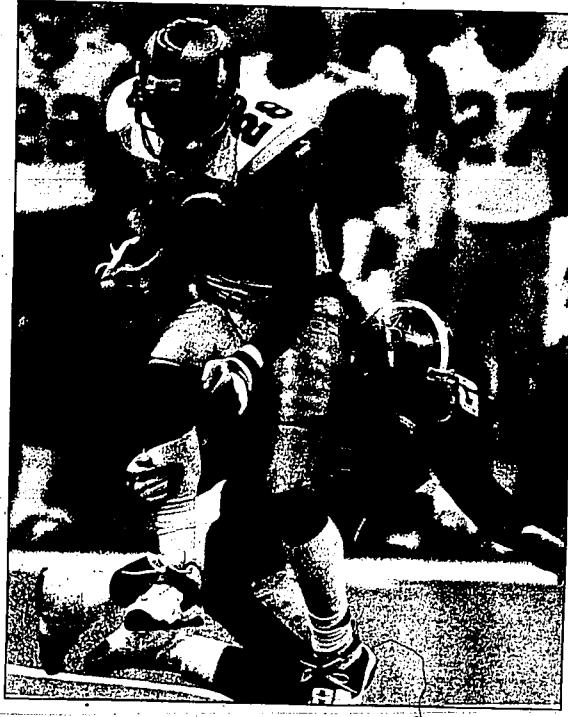
In the third quarter, they got as far as the St. Louis 32, but only after Fred McAfee's kickoff return to midfield. They were then pushed back to the 45 and had to punt.

Significantly, Rams defensive end

Kevin Carter and cornerback Todd Lyght, both Pro Bowlers a year ago, returned to hub when he was sacked by LaRoi Glover.

But Trent Green, who replaced him, promptly led the Rams on a 73-yard drive capped by Faulk's record-tying second TD, a 39-yard run, to make it 19-7 at halftime.

Warner left the game in the third quar-



St. Louis running back Marshall Faulk runs over New Orleans Saints cornerback Alex Morden in the first quarter of the Rams' 26-21 win Sunday.

ter with the Rams leading 13-7, apparently hurt when he was sacked by LaRoi Glover.

But Trent Green, who replaced him, promptly led the Rams on a 73-yard drive capped by Faulk's record-tying second TD, a 39-yard run, to make it 19-7 at halftime.

The Saints finally came alive in the final quarter, twice cutting the lead to five points, once on a 28-yard pass from

Aaron Brooks to Willie Jackson. Faulk's third TD made it 26-14, but the Saints came right back on a 22-yard pass from Brooks to Willie Jackson.

But Faulk sealed the game with a 39-yard run after the Saints had taken their final time out.

A few seconds later and 1,000 miles away, Bears kicker Paul Edinger got the Rams back into the playoffs.

Fisher's no Grinch

Coach allows Titans time to enjoy holiday

The Associated Press

Cowboys at Titans

Today, 7 p.m. (ABC)

night off before tonight's game with the Dallas Cowboys.

"To me, it didn't make sense to have everybody at the hotel wishing they were at home, then have the potential for some of the players leave to be with their families very early in the morning when the kids get up," Fisher said.

Fisher told his players to be at the team hotel by midmorning today to start pregame meetings.

A 34-20 victory Sunday by the Baltimore Ravens means the Titans (12-3) must beat the Cowboys to clinch their first AFC Central Division title since 1993.

a first-round bye and homefield advantage through the playoffs.

The Cowboys had to fly to Nashville on Sunday to play the third Christmas game on the road in franchise history and only the third Christmas game played on a Monday night.

Running back Emmitt Smith, who got married in April and will spend most of the day with his new wife, wasn't happy with the scheduling.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword, you would like to do it, but again you want to be home," he said.

Dallas (5-10) has little incentive except to try to avoid its worst record since it went 1-15 in 1989. At quarterback will be

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Fast ladies

Program goes beyond rules of the road

The Associated Press



Newbury Park, Calif., who had three second-place finishes in the women's GT series. "Racing gets so deep in my guts, I can't even describe it."

Thirteen-year-old Lydney Tilton of El Cajon, Calif., described the passion as something that makes her get out of bed before dawn on the morning of a race.

"I just get so excited! The speed, the excitement," she recalled.

Though she thought "racing was pretty much a dream," the dream persisted. While her father, Bob, nurtured the idea over the years, Duncan's uncle, William Shaw, got her a fake license. At 16, she learned to drive in a club for those 18 and up.

Duncan drove in the inaugural Women's Global GT Series in 1999, and hopes to keep her way up to the Winston Cup series.

For help with all the off-the-track details, the recent mechanical engineering grad turned to Lyn St. James, a seven-time driver in the Indianapolis 500 who has fought to create more opportunities for women.

St. James' annual Driver Development Program is a three-day workshop that addresses everything from sponsorship to driver safety.

Eighteen women and two men participated last month in the program that boasts Sarah Fisher among its graduates.

Though 19-year-old Fisher was in the Indy Racing League this year, Fisher and St. James gave the Indianapolis 500 two women drivers for the first time. Coincidentally, they crashed into each other on lap 74.

Danica Patrick, second this October in the Formula Ford Festival five-lap in Brands Hatch, England, also is a graduate of St. James' program.

"I adore the intensity of it. I love the passion, the challenge," said Belinda Endress, 38, of

Sun Devils have a lot to prove

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Arizona State has a lot to prove in the Aloha Bowl.

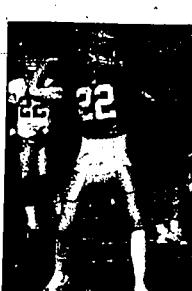
The Sun Devils (6-5) are finishing a wild season that saw them start three different quarterbacks and lose two conference games in double overtime.

The team's plane also was struck twice by lightning on a flight home from their Washington State game.

It was all capped by the firing of coach Bruce Snyder.

"It has been the most unusual year," Snyder said Saturday as Arizona State prepared for today's game against Boston College.

The Sun Devils are trying to average last year's 23-3 loss to Wake Forest in the Aloha Bowl.



Arizona State quarterback Jeff Krohn throws the football during practice in Honolulu Friday. Arizona State plays Boston College Today in the Aloha Bowl.

The Christmas Day game marks Arizona State's first meet-



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ing with Boston College, which lost 62-28 to Colorado last year in the Insight.com Bowl.

The Eagles (6-5) struggled at the end of the season, losing their final two games, including a 52-6 rout at the hands of Miami.

"My main concern is winning a bowl game against a good Arizona State football team that has something to prove," Eagles coach Tom O'Brien said. "We have something to prove ourselves after that disappointing loss at Miami. You're only as good as your last game. And I know our guys want to come out here on Monday and wash away that bad taste."

But the team's prospects have dimmed with the suspensions of rushing leader William Green.

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SPORTS

Packers stop Buccaneers cold

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers couldn't escape the cold or Ahman Green.

Green caught nine passes for a career-best 78 yards and rushed 27 times for 74 yards and two touchdowns as the Green Bay Packers beat the play-off-bound Bucs 17-14 in overtime Sunday.

Ryan Longwell kicked a 22-yard field goal with 8:29 left in overtime after Martin Gramatica, who won a Pro Bowl berth over Longwell despite inferior numbers, was wide right on a 40-yarder with nine seconds left in regulation.

The Packers (9-7) closed their injury-riddled season with a December sweep of their NFC Central foes. But they also needed losses by St. Louis and Detroit to wiggle into the playoffs. The Lions obliged, but not the Rams.

Tampa Bay plays at Philadelphia in a wild-card game next weekend.

Despite forcing four turnovers, the wild-card Buccaneers (10-6) failed to stop two streaks Sunday after Gramatica's miss spoiled what would have been their first victory at Lambeau Field since 1989.

The Buccaneers still have never won a game (0-19) when the temperature at kickoff was 40 or below, and Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre has never lost (27-0) at home when the reading was 34 or below.

The temperature at kickoff was 15 degrees with a wind chill of minus-15, the sixth-coldest game in Packers' history and the second-coldest the Bucs had experienced.



Tampa Bay quarterback Shaun King gets away from Green Bay's Russell Maryland in the second quarter Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers went on to win 17-14 in overtime.

Bucks quarterback Sean King had never even seen snow in his life. When the Buccaneers arrived Saturday with the thermometer at zero and snow falling, he threw several snowballs at his teammates.

He warmed up after the Bucs fell behind 14-0, and drove them on three second-half scoring drives to tie it, then set up Gramatica for the 40-yarder that he missed.

Antonio Freeman was deacti-

vated for missing team meetings Saturday. His replacement, Donald Driver, made difficult catches of 10 and 13 yards on a 48-yard drive that ended with Green running untouched through an enormous hole for a 3-yard TD on Green Bay's second series.

Driver dropped three passes after that and neither team could muster anything until Green's spinning 2-yard run made it 14-0 in the third quarter.

Green's two TD rushes gave him 10 this season, the most for a Packers running back since Tordell Middleton had 11 in 1978.

Bill Schroeder fumbled after a 17-yard catch on Green Bay's next possession and the Buccaneers, who punted the first nine times they had the ball, converted a fourth-and-9 on their way to a 38-yarder by Gramatica.

The Bucks offense finally awakened out of a no-huddle attack and King completed six straight passes covering 84 yards, including an 18-yard TD toss to Keyshawn Johnson.

For the conversion, King handed off to Warrick Dunn, who reversed the ball to Mike Alstot, who then hit King with a lateral for a razzle-dazzle 2-pointer that made it 14-11 with nine minutes left.

After John Lynch picked off Favre's pass at the Green Bay 35, Gramatica broke his team record with a 43-yarder, his 28th.

Green, who left the game with an ankle injury in overtime, finished with 1,75 yards rushing, the fourth-best season in team history.

Ravens shatter Jets, mark for stinginess

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens' defense earned a place in the NFL record book and severely damaged the bumbling New York Jets' chances of landing a spot in the playoffs.

Chris McAlister scored on a 98-yard interception return, Jermaine Lewis returned two punts for scores, and the Ravens forced six turnovers in a 34-20 victory Sunday that left the Jets needing outside help to reach the postseason.

New York (9-7), which would have qualified with a win, need-
ed both Indianapolis and Pittsburgh to lose later Sunday in order to get into the playoffs.

The playoff-bound Ravens (12-4) ended the regular season with a seven-game winning streak and an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game schedule. Baltimore gave up 165 points, easily breaking the mark of 187 by the 1986 Chicago Bears.

Baltimore, which made only five first downs, can earn home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs if Dallas beats Tennessee on Monday night.

New York's Vinny Testaverde went 36-for-69 for 481 yards and two touchdowns, but his mistakes ultimately turned the game around. He lost two fumbles and threw three interceptions to allow Baltimore to rally from an early 14-0 deficit.

Testaverde's 69 attempts was one short of Drew Bledsoe's NFL record. Richie Anderson had 11 catches for 139 yards, and Cedric Ward caught eight passes for 147 yards.

The game's key play occurred near the end of the first half with the Jets up 14-12. With New York at the Baltimore 8, Testaverde's

sideline pass to Ward was picked off by McAlister, who went the distance to put the Ravens ahead to stay.

It was 20-17 in the third quarter when Lewis returned a punt 54 yards for a score. The Jets closed to 27-20 before Lewis ended any suspense with an 85-yard return with 5:02 remaining.

Baltimore's Trent Dilfer (11-for-25, 99 yards) left the game briefly in the second quarter with a wrist injury, but returned in the third quarter after backup Tony Banks separated his left shoulder.

Down 14-0, the Ravens got back in the game when Testaverde lost the ball on three straight series. After he fumbled away a snap on the Baltimore 42, Dilfer threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Qadry Ismail to bring the Ravens to 14-7.

An interception by Baltimore's Duane Starks led to a 42-yard field goal by Matt Stover, and Starks' second pick-off and a 64-yard return put Baltimore at the New York 3. Although the Ravens failed to score, Michael McCrary tackled Curtis Martin for a safety to make it 14-12.

The jets came out in a no-huddle offense that surprised the Ravens and produced a 70-yard drive. Testaverde went 4-for-4, capping the five-play march by taking a lateral from Martin and hitting a wide-open Ward for a 57-yard touchdown.

It was only the second time this season that a team scored a TD on its opening drive against Baltimore.

After Marcus Coleman's interception, Testaverde threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Anderson.

CRAZY FINISH



Miami running back Lamar Smith fends off New England's Lawyer Milloy, left, as he scores a touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday in Foxboro, Mass. Smith's touchdown and the point after tied the game. The Dolphins went on to win 27-24 in a bizarre ending that brought the two teams back on the field to replay the final three seconds.

Early deadline

Due to The Times-News' early Christmas deadline on Sunday, scores from the three Sunday afternoon NFL games — Carolina at Oakland, Pittsburgh at Indianapolis — as well as the Oahu Bowl pairing the University of Georgia and Virginia, were unavailable at press time.

Results from those games will be printed in Tuesday's paper.

beating the New Orleans Saints 26-21.

Detroit's best chance came when Allen Aldridge recovered a fumble by Bears running back James Allen at the Chicago 10 with 2:22 left. But the Bears forced the Lions to settle for Jason Hanson's 26-yard field goal, which tied the game at 20 with 15:56 left.

Finally, the Dolphins (11-5) could claim the AFC East title after trailing the entire second half before Mare's kick.

It was another close loss for the Patriots (5-11). Nine of their set-backs were by eight points or less.

If they lost — as appeared likely — much of the game — the Dolphins still could have made the playoffs with a loss or tie by either Indianapolis or the New York Jets.

They didn't need either and can thank linebacker Zach Thomas for that.

Bears 23, Lions 20

PONTIAC, Mich. — Paul Edinger kicked the Detroit Lions right out of the NFL playoff race.

Edinger's 54-yard field goal with two seconds left Sunday gave the Chicago Bears a 23-20 upset over the Lions.

With Detroit's loss, the defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams made the playoffs by

Falcons 29, Chiefs 13

ATLANTA — After a dismal year, the Atlanta Falcons headed into the offseason feeling a little better about themselves.

Clint Chandler, starting again after a two-game exile to the bench, threw two touchdown passes, and Morten Anderson kicked five field goals Sunday as the Falcons defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 29-13.

The Atlanta defense held the Chiefs to 259 yards and sacked Elvis Grbac four times. Marty Carter sealed the victory by blindsiding Grbac on a blitz, forcing a fumble that Derrick Vaughn recovered at the Kansas City 8 with 7:45 remaining.

Redskins 20, Cardinals 3

LANDOVER, Md. — Too late. Way too late.

The Washington Redskins showed imagination, talent and a degree of spirit玩得worthy of a pro-caliber team Sunday. They beat a bad team early and went on to a 20-3 victory over the Arizona Cardinals, although the win was little consolation for a season that began with a \$100 million roster and thoughts of a Super Bowl.

The Redskins (8-8), who were once 6-2, avoided a losing season and gave interim coach Terry Robiske his first NFL victory. The Cardinals (3-13), whose hopes essentially ended when Rob Moore, Coby Rinehart and J.J. McCleskey were injured in August, went 0-8 on the road and finished with the franchise's worst record since the Chicago Cardinals went 2-10 in 1959.

After winning just eight games combined over the last two seasons, the Eagles went 11-5 despite losing star running back Deuce Stiverson Week 5. It will be Philadelphia's first playoff appearance in four years.

Watters' may fly from Hawks

NFL notes

SEATTLE (AP) — Mike Holmgren hasn't made it official yet, but Ricky Watters isn't expected back in Seattle next season. It will be — Shauna Alexander's turn in the Seahawks' backfield.

Seahawks fans are going to miss Watters, the 10-year veteran who has churched out 3 consecutive regular-season starts.

Watters was one of the few bright spots in Seattle's 6-10 season. He became the NFL's 13th 10,000-yard rusher and moved into 12th place on the career list behind O.J. Simpson on Saturday night. In probably his final game in a Seahawks uniform, he ran 17 times for 67 yards and one touchdown, and caught five passes for 47 yards. The Seahawks lost to Buffalo 42-23, but Watters turned in his usual dependable performance.

"I came out ready and focused every week to play a great ball game," said Watters, who ended his season-long silence with the media after the game. "I think I did that."

"These guys look up to me. They see what I'm doing. I can

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and defensive back D.J. Sutton for unspecifed rule violations.

With Green out of the lineup, Cedric Washington figures to become the focal point of the offense. Washington has 676 yards rushing and five touchdowns despite missing two games.

Trying to slow down the Eagles will be Sun Devils linebacker Adam Archuleta, the Pac-10 defensive player of the year. The senior has 119 tackles this season, including 86 unassisted.

On offense: Arizona State — ranked 20th in the nation in passing — will stick with the air attack led by freshman quarterback Jeff Onsager.

Philadelphia's Eagles will be

back under coach Brian Kelly.

Atlanta's Falcons will be

back under coach Jim Mora.

Seattle's Seahawks will be

back under coach Mike Holmgren.

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SPORTS

Indiana reminiscences on perfect season of '76

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Twenty-five years later, Scott May still can be found behind the Indiana bench at some games.

The former Hoosier is one of the most visible links to the last undefeated men's team in major college basketball.

Indiana won the first of three NCAA championships under Bob Knight in 1976 and sent all five starters to the NBA.

"It's one of the greatest teams ever. I won't say it's the greatest team because it's hard to compare that team with some of the Wooden teams and North Carolina State and others," May says, referring to John Wooden's championship teams of the 1960s and '70s at UCLA.

"But I would say that if they ever had a banquet for the greatest teams in college basketball, they would definitely set a place for that team."

A very prominent place, indeed.

Indiana went 32-0 that season, beating Big Ten rival Michigan for the championship. The first NCAA final between two teams, twenty-five years later, no major college basketball team has matched that magical feat.

Those Hoosiers were incredibly talented. The starters were May, the nation's player of the year in 1976; center Kent Benson, who received the same award the next year; forward Tom Aherenly; and guards Quinn Buckner and Bobby Wilkerson. Each played in the NBA and four were first-round picks.

What set that team apart, though, was its passion for a title.

"Our goal was to win a national championship and nothing else mattered," May says.

There was good reason for that, too. When assistant coach Bob Wiltich helped recruit that group in 1972, it was already regarded as the top class in America.

"We tried to recruit the best people first and the best players second. We tried to put together a mold for guys we wanted," says Wiltich, now the head coach at South Alabama.



Indiana coach Bobby Knight, left, and team members Scott May, center, and Quinn Buckner, are all smiles as they hold the NCAA Basketball championship trophy in Philadelphia in this March 30, 1976 photo. In 1976, the Indiana Hoosiers stood tall and proud as 32-0 national champions.

They didn't disappoint. May and Buckner became All-Americans, and Evansville, became the first freshman to start under Knight.

By the fall of 1975, the team understood what it took to play its level of motion offense and was ready to make it stick.

"We started four seniors and one junior, and you don't find many teams like that anymore," says Buckner, the team captain. "The core of our team was pretty experienced."

One season earlier, the Hoosiers were nearly perfect.

It, too, rolled through the Big Ten at 18-0, defeated opponents by an average of 22.3 points a game and reached the regional finals unbeaten.

Even now, some believe that team was better. "I know Coach Knight doesn't

agree, but we were," Buckner says. "We were deeper and all of those guys had played in the Final Four."

The missing ingredient, though, was May, who broke his left arm three games before the end of the 1974-75 regular season.

He missed the Hoosiers' first two tournaments, then, still hurt, returned to Kentucky, a team Indiana had beaten by 24 earlier in the season. The Hoosiers ultimately lost 92-90.

But in the immediate aftermath, the shape of the '75-76 squad was forming.

"It was very emotional, a really emotional locker room because we'd won 31 in a row and to lose to a team that we had beaten by 24 points earlier in the year was just tough to take," May says.

May and his teammates returned deter-

mined to win the national championship. That fall there was a distinct change in the team's mindset.

"We all felt that if Scott hadn't been hurt, we would have won the championship," says John Laskowski, who graduated in 1975 and spent a season with the Chicago Bulls. "Physically, they knew they'd be as good if not better because they were a year older ... Mentally, they were stronger."

May had to deal with the most obvious problem — his injury. Six weeks after breaking his arm, he still had not recovered and was plagued by doubts.

"In mid-August, my arm was about an inch around and I wondered if I ever would play again," he says.

He did, of course, but with the burden of trying to win another 18 straight Big Ten games — and a national championship —

placed squarely on his shoulders.

Knight used May as the example for everyone else. He did that sort of thing all season long.

"When you needed a basket, you got the ball to Scott May and he would muscle up and get it," Laskowski says. "He was more mature and understood the game better than the guys who were guarding him."

With Buckner and May leading the way, the Hoosiers faced only one real scare — at Michigan, when a Benzon tip-in at the buzzer sent the game into overtime. They won 72-67.

Then the Hoosiers ran through the NCAA tournament. After routing St. John's and escaping against Alabama, the Hoosiers defeated Marquette and UCLA.

That set up a third game against Michigan in the final.

"It was a good team and by then we never really talked about who else was out there. We knew Michigan had taken us to the brink and they had the ability to beat us," May says.

So when Wilkerson was run over by Wayman Britt in the opening minutes and was sent to the hospital, it didn't look good. But the Hoosiers fought on and eventually pulled away for a 86-88 victory.

Crews, Wayne Radford and Jim Wisman made a couple of big plays and led the charge," May says.

Strait to perfection — something no team has achieved since.

The reason, in May's opinion, has less to do with talent and more to do with selfless individuals playing together, and staying together, for our seasons.

The players stayed close to the game throughout the year.

Buckner announces games for CBS and serves as a studio analyst for CBS. Crews and Wiltich are head coaches on the college level, while Wilkerson coached at an Indianapolis high school. Aherenly lives in Indianapolis, where he owns his own real estate company and the Indiana Basketball Academy, a training facility.

Knight, who did not return messages requesting comment on the 1976 team, was fired from Indiana in September for what the university said was repeated misconduct.

As for May, he lives in Bloomington, having once turned down a chance to be a King. He's not a tourist. But he still attends practices and games and an annual golf outing that brings the national championship team together.

He remains a visible symbol of the Hoosiers' glorious past.

"Nothing compares," May says, smiling.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Palmer takes novel approach in new course

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — Arnold Palmer is combining conservation with golf course construction in the town famous for Arbor Day.

The Palmer Design Co.'s 18-hole championship golf course is being built on 300 acres by Landscapes Unlimited Golf Course Development Co. of Lincoln with cooperation from the National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship.

The course, which will open in June 2002, will be used to help determine how golf courses impact the environment, Landscapes vice president and general manager Brad Schmidt said Thursday.

Palmer said the project will "allow us to take a proactive step to contribute sound business and environmental principles to the world of golf course design."

Arbor Day, the tree-planting holiday, was founded by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska in 1872. Morton's former home in Nebraska City is a state historical park, and the southeast Nebraska town also has become well-known for its apple orchards.

Hall of Fame horse trainer in critical condition

AVENUTRA, Fla. — Hall of Fame horse trainer Allen Jerkens collapsed at his home after being weakened by stomach pains and was in critical condition Sunday.

The 71-year-old Jerkens was in the intensive care unit of Aventura Hospital near Miami. He was conscious and writing notes to his family, said his wife, Elizabeth.

"He was asking about the filly we have in (the race) today," Elizabeth Jerkens said. "He was totally alert."

Doctors have not yet determined the cause of Jerkens' illness, his wife said. But an inflammation of the stomach was the most likely cause, she said.

Indiana basketball hunt nets 61 signatures

BOGGSTOWN, Ind. — In a state where high school basketball is a religion, Tom Howley is one ardent believer.

During the past 14 months, he and his wife, Sandy, traveled the country tracking down 61 former Mr. Basketball winners to autograph each of two basketballs.

Since 1939, 64 Indiana high school players have received the coveted title of best in the state. In 1961, 1974, 1984 and 1987 two players were honored in each of those years. There was no award in 1943 and 1944 because of World War II.

Among the winners: Rick Mount (1966), George McGinnis (1969), Steve Alford (1983) and Damon Bailey (1990). Three recipients have died.

The basketballs will be donated to the Triton Central athletic department at the next Northwestern Consolidated School Board meeting.

"I truly can't comprehend the time and effort needed for what they have done," said Roger Dickenson, executive director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. "To me, it's unheard of."

Adoption complete, Izzo's a daddy again

EST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo and his wife, Lupe, have officially adopted a child — Steven Thomas Mateen Izzo.

"He's my brother," said the couple's 6-year-old daughter, Raquel, hanging Judge George Economy's gavel Friday.

The baby's name honors three people.

Steven is for Steve Mariucci, Izzo's boyhood friend and coach of the San Francisco 49ers. Thomas is in honor of Tom Izzo's father, Mateen, who is former Michigan State and current Detroit Pistons guard Mateen Cleaves, who led the Spartans to the national championship last season.

The Izzos talked about adopting more children.

"I hope so," Lupe Izzo told the Lansing State Journal. "Steven was Tom's Father's Day present ... a brother for a brother and a sister for a sister would be nice."

Compiled from wire reports

GREGG'S BURDEN

Former Major League umpire adjusts to life without baseball



Umpire Eric Gregg is seen at the start of the San Diego-Padres-Philadelphia Phillies game Aug. 24, 1999 in Philadelphia. The toughest call Gregg made this year was determining whether contestants chewed enough meat during a wing-eating contest. The former National League umpire hasn't worked a game since resigning during a labor dispute 18 months ago.

continue to pay the rent, continue to try to educate my kids, and continue to feed my family.

"We knew it was going to be tough. In a strike, there's always an end. But we were never prepared for something like this."

Gregg said he has borrowed money from Phillips, umpire Jerry Crawford and former umpire Terry Tata just to pay the mortgage.

"You can't borrow money from the bank when you don't have a job," Gregg said. "I get calls all the time. My kids call me to say he can't go to class. I have to come up with \$14,000 and it's embarrassing."

The school says don't bother com-

ing back after Christmas."

Gregg has three sons, Eric, 22, Kevin, 20, and Jamie, who will turn 14 on Dec. 31. He has one daughter, Ashley, 16. He enjoys spending time with his children and wife, Ramona, but realizes he needs to provide for them, too.

Gregg isn't certain whether he'd return to umpiring if the opportunity arose, but he wants a resolution and at least one more check from baseball — a severance he says totals \$400,000.

"We're all entitled to what we work for," Gregg said. "To have to sell my 401K, to have to sell my little bit of stock, to get rid of my kids' bonds for college, that's not fair."

Gregg has a routine now that he has more free time. His regular day includes taking his two younger children to school, walking his dog, working out, then returning home to watch soap operas. He has appeared on CBS' "The Young and the Restless" several times.

Gregg also writes a weekly sports column for Metro, an 11-month-old tabloid in Philadelphia.

"He gives us a really unique, interesting perspective," said Eric Fisher, the Metro's sports editor. "He's really grown with the job."

Gregg will be busy next month as he serves as commissioner of his eighth Wing Bowl. The free event,

sponsored by WIP radio, is held the Friday before the Super Bowl.

It has grown from a six-contestant, 100-fan event in the lobby of a Center City hotel in 1993 to a day-long celebration that stars at d.m.

Wing Bowl was held at the First Union Center last year and Gregg faced more controversy for the ejection of one contestant than he did in Game 6 of the 1997 NLCS when he was criticized for having an expanded strike zone.

Florida's Livian Hernandez benefited from Gregg's calls that day and outdueled Atlanta's Greg Maddux and the Marlins eliminated the Braves before winning their only World Series.

"They buried me on that game," Gregg said.

The league also had a problem with his weight. He once was fined \$5,000 for failing to report at 300 pounds. The 6-foot-3 Gregg won't reveal his weight now, but claims he's in better shape after losing 50 pounds since September.

No matter what the arbitrator decides, Gregg is proud of his accomplishments in baseball.

"For a kid from the ghetto," Gregg said. "I've done things you've never dreamed of."

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Blue-Gray consolation

ISU's Shane Griggs joins Penn St., Alabama players

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — At Penn State, Mike McMahon "expected to help make Joe Paterno college football's winningest coach. At Alabama, Dustin McClintock figured an eight-win season would be the bare minimum.

Instead, the two fullbacks from traditional powerhouses fallen on hard times must settle for playing in the Blue-Gray "Classic today."

They'll join Idaho State quarterback Shane Griggs, a 6-foot-4, 188-pounder many NFL scouts predict will make a sleeper draft pick several months from

now. He and Rutgers senior Mike McMahon will quarterback back the North.

"This isn't where we wanted to be at the end of the season," Cerimile said. "At Penn State, we expect to win. We don't expect things to happen like happened last season."

Those things — assault charges against quarterback Rashard Casey and a severe injury to defensive back Adam Taliarferro — contributed to a 5-7 record, making it Unhappy Valley. It's just the second time in Paterno's 35-year tenure the Nittany Lions haven't been to a bowl, and he

remains two wins short of Bear Bryant's record 323.

"All the seniors in particular wanted to get coach Paterno that record," Cerimile said. "I don't think anyone was more disappointed than this group of seniors."

Bryant's former team, Alabama, endured an even more disappointing season. The Crimson Tide, ranked No. 3 in the preseason, plummeted to 3-8 and coach Mike DuBose was forced to resign.

"There's no real answer to what went wrong," McClintock said. "All we know is that it did go wrong. I feel we should have won at least eight games, but sometimes football's a funny game. When things start going wrong with your team, it's hard to make a comeback."

Blue-Gray Classic Roster

BLUE SQUAD

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
2 Shane Griggs	QB	6'4	188	Idaho State
4 Mike McMahon	QB	6'5	213	Rutgers
6 Jason Baker	TB	6'1	195	Penn State
8 Owen Poehman	PK	6'1	180	Brigham Young
10 Jevon Green	WR	6'1	200	Colorado
12 Kevin Kasper	WR	6	193	Iowa
14 Steve Smith	WR	5'9	176	Utah
16 Marcus Williams	WR	6'4	226	Washington St.
18 Marcus Shipley	RB	5'10	213	Mass.
20 Chris Johnson	RB	5'10	200	New Mexico St.
22 Mike Cerimile	RB	5'11	240	Penn State
24 Patrick Dyson	LB	5'11	188	Utah
26 Chidi Uwoma	DB	5'9	182	California
28 Julian Jones	DB	5'11	190	Missouri
30 Carl Nesmith	DB	6	211	Kansas
32 Richard Newsome	DB	5'10	188	Michigan St.
34 Matt Stover	DB	5'11	241	Grove City
36 Thrus Pettigrew	DB	5'11	200	Penn State
38 Mike Barnett	DB	6'1	237	New Mexico St.
40 Edgerton Hartwell	LB	6'1	238	Western Ill.
42 Michael Young	LB	6'1	230	Illinois
44 LeVar Woods	LB	6'2	234	Iowa
46 Morton Greenwood	LB	6	231	Syracuse
50 Andy Bowers	DL	6'5	277	Utah
52 Anthony Heron	DL	6'3	280	Iowa
54 Andrew Dickey	DL	6'4	274	Colorado
56 Drew Izquierdo	OL	6'4	300	Brown
58 Silvano Peck	OC	6'4	301	Michigan St.
70 Hoot Stahl	OC	6'5	290	Navy
72 Reed Odeh	OC	6'3	294	California
74 Ray Reddick	OL	6'2	294	Illinois
76 Mathias Niemi	OL	6'3	285	Temple
78 Tom Roman	OL	6'4	292	Princeton
80 Josh Whitehead	TE	6'1	247	Illinois
82 Russell Stewart	TE	6'4	243	Stanford
90 Paul Mandina	DL	6'3	301	Indiana
92 Hans Olsen	DL	6'4	294	Brigham Young
94 Eric Downing	DL	6'3	275	Syracuse
Head Coach - Offense:	Ron Turner, Illinois.			
Assistant Coach - Offense:	Harry Hiestand, Illinois.			
Head Coach - Defense:	Paul Pasquolini, Syracuse.			
Assistant Coach - Defense:	Christopher Rippon, Syracuse.			

GRAY SQUAD

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 Jason McKinley	QB	6'2	209	Houston
3 David Rivers	QB	6'2	215	W. Carolina
5 Matt Alton	P	6'4	247	Troy State
7 Matt Givens	WR	6'0	190	South Florida
9 Kenny Clarke	WR	6'1	195	UCF
11 Alex Bannister	WR	6'5	202	E. Kentucky
15 Richmond Flowers	WR	5'11	192	Chattanooga
21 Jonathan Carter	WR	5'11	177	Troy State
23 Derick Blaylock	WR	5'9	188	SFA
25 Carl Fair	WR	5'11	217	UAB
27 Jeremy Dunn	WR	5'11	222	E. Kentucky
29 Dustin McClintock	WR	6'5	225	Alabama
31 Marcus Spencer	DB	6'4	203	Alabama
33 Michael Stone	DB	5'11	188	Memphis
35 Jimmy Williams'	DB	5'11	196	Vanderbilt
37 Delvin Hugley	DB	5'11	192	Jacksonville St.
39 Corey Hall	DB	6'3	190	Appalachian St.
41 Adrian Sader	DB	5'10	190	Rice
43 Matt Reese	DB	6'1	247	Jackson State
45 Noel Eller	LB	6'1	252	UAB
47 Nick Cobert	LB	6'3	238	Troy State
49 Matt Stewart	LB	6'4	245	Vanderbilt
51 Travis Ortega	LB	6'3	215	Rice
57 Rod Kelly	DL	6'4	255	NE St.
63 Kendrick Office	DL	6'5	260	W. Alabama
65 Griff Pugh	OC	6'2	230	Texas A&M
69 Josh Lind	OL	6'6	294	Alabama
71 Kenyatta Jones	OL	6'3	316	South Florida
75 Shawn Draper	OL	6'4	295	Alabama
77 Kendrick Rogers	OL	6'5	293	Alabama A&M
81 Daleroy Stewart	OL	6'3	310	S. Mississippi
85 Undre Grossby	TE	6'4	281	UAB
87 Matt Johnson	TE	6'4	250	Vanderbilt
91 Kris Jenkins	DL	6'5	297	Maryland
93 Marcus Bell	DL	6'1	295	Memphis
99 Otto Leverette	DL	6'6	275	UAB
Head Coach - Offense:	Watson Brown, UAB.			
Assistant Coach - Offense:	Rick Christopher, UAB.			
Head Coach - Defense:	Ken Hatfield, Rice.			
Assistant Coach - Defense:	Roger Hinshaw, Rice.			

Flowers comes full circle

Chattanooga wide receiver follows roots



Wide receiver Richmond Flowers III hands a pen to Doug Crawford, 7, after signing an autograph for Crawford during Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic practice in Montgomery, Ala., Friday afternoon. Flowers played this season for Tennessee-Chattanooga.

father into the NFL. Richmond Flowers Jr. was an All-American receiver and track star at Tennessee who went on to play with the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Giants in the NFL.

So far, Flowers III isn't doing badly. For Chattanooga this season, he caught a school record 86 passes for 1,035 yards.

He was hoping to impress scouts in practices this week leading up to the game Blue-Gray Game at Crumpton Bowl.

"I was born with the will to fight," Flowers said. "I am fighting to reach my goal to play in the NFL. I'll play for anybody."

The game will be the first for Flowers at Crumpton Bowl, where his father starred for Lanier High School in the 1960s. The stadium stands three blocks from his grandfather's old office.

While Flowers desperately wants to play on Sundays, he said he can play football in perspective when it comes to the political battles his family once fought in Montgomery.

"Now, Richmond Flowers III is in Montgomery, pursuing his lifelong dream of following his

grandfather. He's my hero," Flowers said. "I understand the courage it took for him to stand up for what was right and what it cost him to make that stand."

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Even though he had already graduated from Duke, Flowers had one year of eligibility remaining. So he enrolled last summer as a graduate student in the business school at Chattanooga.

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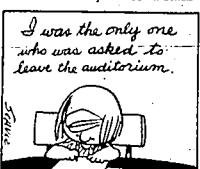
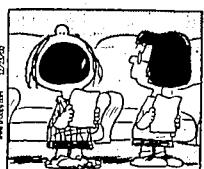
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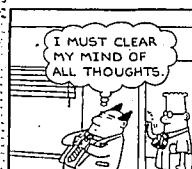
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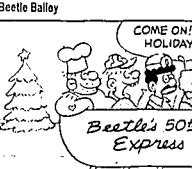
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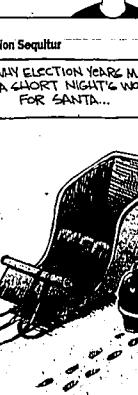


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"Sow belly" from the lower side of the pig was for the poor, "join chops" on the upper side, for the rich. Whence: "...living high on the hog."

Average blood pressure of a giraffe is 260/160.

Every flower is descended from a weed.

Nobody accused of witchcraft was burned at the stake in Salem Mass., in 1642, but 19 were hanged. That's what I said. A client innocent of the neither varnacular asks: "Were any stoned?" History records one man, Giles

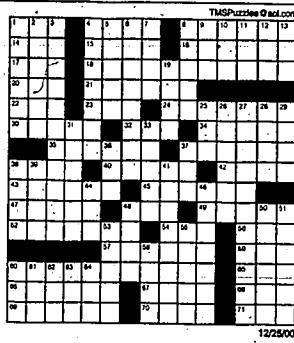
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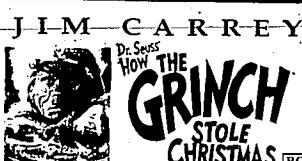


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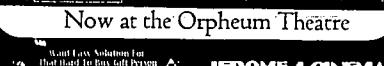
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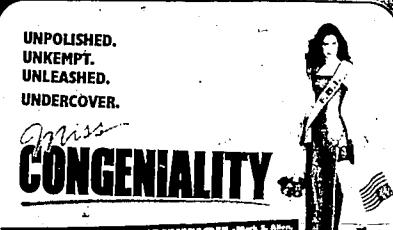
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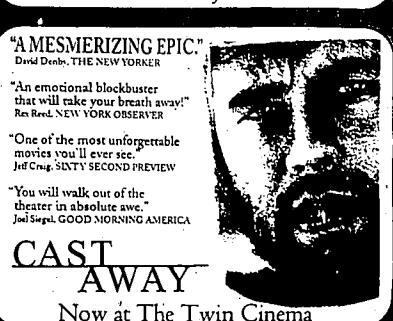
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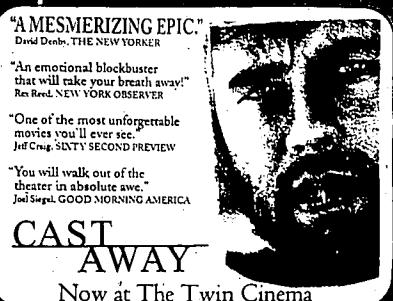
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Play a waiting game, Cancer

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are serious when it comes to interpreting subtle meanings of holiday. You gain much through meditation. Pisces, Virgo persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters, initials, in names: G, P, Y. January will be one of your most exciting months next year. You write, create and act. Next year, you will be your most profitable, romantic month in 2001.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will be in the rhythm of the day. Dance to your own tune, puzzle will be solved. People will express love for you. Scorpio figures prominently.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You will enjoy greater freedom of thought, action. Write impressions of places, people. Take note of dreams. Properly interpreted, they could be guidepost to future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Family reunion highlighted, flowers, music, gifts featured. One who had been absent will return with dramatic flair. Libra figures in scenario.

3-year old puts Santa helper in hospital

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mall Santa Terry Snider is accustomed to the occupational hazards of his seasonal job. His long, white beard has been tugged. Yes, it's real. He's been wet on. Often. And, rarely, he gets kicked by a frightened child apprehensive about sitting in his lap.

But never has Snider been kicked like he was this week at Eastland Mall. A double booted by a 3-year-old boy has marooned him in a Mercy South Hospital bed with a punctured knee and a sw "En leg to myself as a stocking on Christmas morning."

"It wasn't the kid's fault; it was the mother's," Snider said earlier this week. "She got mad at him because he was putting up an argument — he didn't want to sit in Santa's lap."

"So she grabbed the kid by one arm and pulled him up in the air, and he kicked me with both feet."

Snider cringed, but stayed at his post. It wouldn't be right for Santa to leave before all the children had delivered their wish lists.

"I didn't want to scare the kids any more than they were, so I tried to keep as quiet as I could. I still had six hours to go in my set, and I just shut it off. I really thought it would clear up, but the next morning my leg started to swell."

The kicks cut his knee and something from his Santa suit may have caused the infection.

Snider, 62, resembles the real Santa. Because the real one can't be everywhere, he enlisted as a Santa lieutenant 12 years ago.

Post office says hello to 'Whoville'

Newsday

Cards and letters are turning up in mailboxes across the country stamped "Happy Who-lidays from the U.S. Postal Service," part of a promotional campaign designed to bring a little Whoville — and an array of new products for sale at local post offices to every town and village this holiday season.

The promotion, which began Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 7, is the result of an agreement between the postal service and Universal Studios surrounding the holiday film "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

The postal service usually holds an annual holiday promotional campaign that not only highlights its products and services, but also urges people to send their cards and packages early to avoid the crush of last-minute mailers at the post office, said spokesman Tom Gaynor.

"The Whoville post office is one of the key locations in the film. Postal employees embody the spirit of Whoville and the Who-lidays," Gaynor said. "As the post office is the center of everybody's holidays, with the shipping of holiday letters and holiday packages, it's a natural tie-in with the movie's theme."

This holiday season's promotional campaign includes television and print ads addition to an array of mail products and media-specific offers for sale, ranging from Whoville-themed cards to "Grinch" gifts and stationery.

The film's popularity at the box office could mean a very "Happy Who-lidays" at the post office, too, Gaynor said.

HOROSCOPE
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't tell all, play waiting game, questions concerning partnership, marriage will loom large. Legal dilemma will be solved. Governmental agency in play.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): People will be drawn to you seeking knowledge, encouragement. You'll have more responsibility, promotion will be featured. Capricorn plays role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your extrasensory perception surges forth. Perceive future, control your destiny. Good news on this Christmas Day. Gemini figures prominently.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on cooperative efforts, partnership, marital status. Individual who shunned you will now make friendly gesture. Cancer, Capricorn in top roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Diversify, make people laugh if even through their grief. You can make this most "entertaining" Christmas Day. Gemini figures prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New Moon in your sign represents "high cycle." Judgment intuition honed to razor-sharpness. Permit heart to rule. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons are in picture.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 11, 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said request:

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION by Leonard Koenig on property consisting of approximately forty-one and three tenths (.430) acres located in Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off one and four tenths (1.4) acres for a home site.

A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION after the fact by Scott & Susan Gulm on property consisting of one (1.0) acre located in Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to fulfill the requirements of Twin Falls County Ordinance.

A REZONE Presentation by Bill Lewis on properties consisting of approximately four and one half (4.5204) acres in Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, B.M. and addressed approximately 21300-C Highway 30, Twin Falls, Idaho. The intended use is to rezone the acreage from Agricultural to Commercial.

A PLAT AMENDMENT ON South 93 Holes by Mike Shuster on property consisting of approximately thirty-one (31.0) acres located in Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, B.M. and addressed approximately 2400 East in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to amend an existing plat by increasing the number of lots in the commercial section.

A CONDITIONAL USE HARDSHIP by David Boush on property consisting of approximately one and six tenths (1.670) acres located in Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, B.M. and addressed 4444 River Road in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to temporarily place a manufactured home on the property to assist an elderly patient.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the 11th day of January 2001 at the Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 243 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subjects being considered. Comments should be made to the Office of the Zoning Administrator at 243 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho (208) 734-9490 in writing prior to the Public Hearing.

Dated this 21st day of December 2000.

Attest: Robert S. Fort, Clerk
Twin Falls County Planning & Zoning Commission
ATTEST: Robert S. Fort, Clerk
by Priscilla A. Botton, Chief Deputy Clerk

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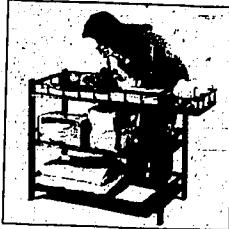
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CD, Smitty Bull accessories.

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